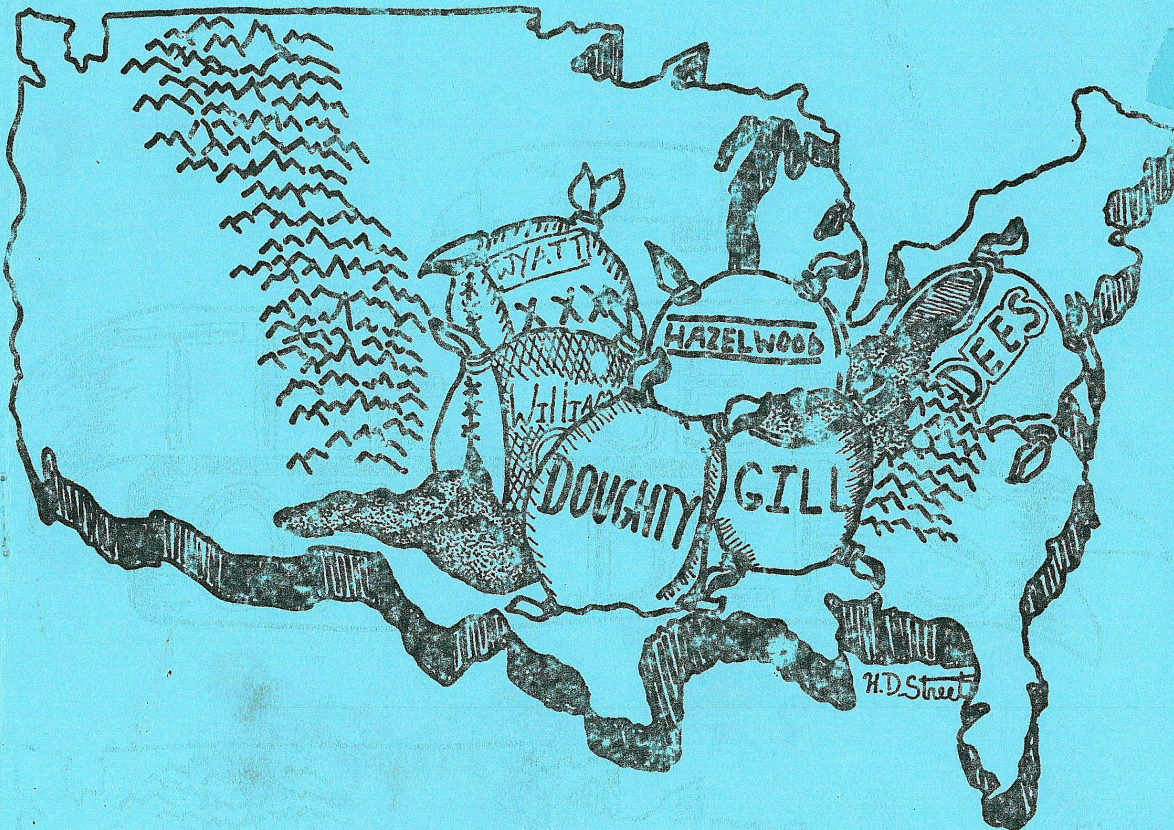


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THE SEED OF DEES



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Anyone with the name Dees, Deas, Deese may be connected and are invited to join. Some of the lineal and collateral lines are Asher, Branson, Brown, Bryant, Chestnut, Coker, Doughty, George, Gill, Harrison, Hazelwood, Metcalf, Phillips, Tipton, Williams and Wyatt.

By the time you receive this, Christmas 1988 will be past and the New Year beginning. Hope everyone has a "Happy".

Due to the size of the picture for the "Family Album", the caption is here:

James Dees, son of John Dees and Melinda Simpson was born ca. 1830, died 8 July 1907. On 9 August 1852, he married Pheobe Coleman who was born 12 March 1832, and died 19 December 1913. No news as to her parents, but her guardian was Wyatt Hazelwood.

Submitted by: James Kriner, descendant
133 Essex Road
Lexington, Ohio

It is not too early to start reminding you of the Annual Meeting. For those of you who've never attended, it is not the usual reunion. We get together for the purpose of exchanging information. Our aim is to encourage people to find their roots. When we started, we were all strangers, except I brought my sister Gladys and I had a friend in London, Jan Sparkman. Now we are "kindred spirits" and we have a good time.

The meeting will be held at the D & W Cafeteria, London, Kentucky 1-75 and Highway 80, August 19, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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DEES FAMILY ASSOCIATION, continued

We are expected to eat lunch to defray the cost of the use of the room. There will be a **\$5.00** registration fee. Please all of you make your reservations early.

We will meet again at 8:00 p.m. at the Hospitality Room at the Harvest Inn, Hwy. 80. Those of you who live in London, or are visiting relatives, bring your spouse or a relative. Cool drinks will be served.

I decided to publish a **Membership List** with the surnames of interest in lieu of "Personal History" this time. If you have any information on any of these family lines and locations, please share it with the people who need it. This is really "people helping people" as the saying goes.

I enjoy hearing from you and will help when I can.

I appreciate the kind words I've had from some of you.

Delores Springer, Editor

NOTE: correction

In volume 1 number 3 under Marriages, James P. Cromer should be John D. Cromer.

Please send old photographs and we need queries.

Our logo was drawn by a young man named H.D. Street. He lives in Richmond, In., and is a Dees descendant.

*If your name is not on the Membership List, look for it next time.

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FAMILY ALBUM

MILITARY SERVICE

It seems fitting to mention the military record of Norris Metcalf. He was the father of Rachel Metcalf who married John Dees in Clay County, Kentucky 23 July 1824. She was his first wife.

Norris served in the War of 1812. He enrolled as a Private in Capt. Thomas Asbury's company, First Regiment Kentucky Mounted Militia, commanded by Lt. Col. Samuel Caldwell. (Madison County, Ky.)

The records of the War of 1812 are few and scattered. The only Roll Call for Norris is dated September 18 to October 10, 1812.

The United States declared war on the British in June, 1812. Early in the war two regiments and a number of companies of Mounted Militia were raised. A proposal to use them to rout the Indians was made and rejected in a letter to the War Department by General W.H. Harrison, in January, 1813.

However, Secretary of War, General John Armstrong in February 1813, wrote to Col. Richard M. Johnson to raise up regiments of Mounted Militia. They were subsequently taken into the U.S. Forces.

The regiment that Norris Metcalf was in had stood in readiness. They were called into action in May, 1813, to the rescue of Gen. Harrison's troops at Fort Meigs. The Mounted Militia routed the Indians from Fort Wayne to Illinois to Ohio and back again. They acquitted themselves very well.

It cannot be stated for certain how much of the campaign Norris participated in, but one can believe he did his duty.

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MEMBERSHIP LIST & SURNAMES INTERESTS

Smith, Geraldine Sanders, 2724 S. Lindberg, St. Louis
Mo., 63131 - Holland: S.C.; Dees, Ky./Ark.; George: S.C.(?)
Bell: Ark; Stephens: Mo.

Ball, James L. , 672 Meadow Lane, Covington, Ky., 41015
Leger, Ky., Ball, Ky./N.C.; Baker: Ky; Hazelwood: Ky/.Va.
Robinson: Ky.; Hensley: Ky.; Clark: Ky., Anglin: Ky.

Locke, Imogene Wilkerson, 217 Ramsgate Garden Apartments,
103 Louisville, Ky.: Wilkerson: Ky./N.C./In.; Garland: N.C.;
Worley: N.V.(?) Adams: Ky./Va.; Fonloran; Doughty: Ky.

Dees, Norman Lee, 2809 Bardy Road, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95404
Dees: Ky./S.C./N.C.; Hurst: Ky./In.(?) Daives, Pearce.

Dees, Edythe K. H.C., 2 Box 262 C Cangon Lake, Texas 78133
Albright; Dees (Edythe, I need your pedigree chart to help
you, dates and places).

Gardner, Vicki Lynn and Edith, 1006 Symmes Avenue, Hamilton,
Ohio 45015 Gardner: Ohio; Scott: Ohio; Albaugh; Dees: Ky./
Ohio/Indiana; Robbins: Ky./Va.; Seaborn: Ky.; Moore: Va.

Ausec, Constance Jean McLarry, 17615 Loring Lane, Spring,
Texas 77388; McLarry: Texas/Ky. Ready: Texas/Tn.; Church:
Tn. May: Tn. Smith: Texas/Tn.; Dees: Ark./Texas/Ky.; Eudaley:
Ark.

Cooper, Annetta Jeanne Little, Box 38 Hennepin, OK. 73046
Little: Okla./Ark./Miss.; Hicks: Okla./Texas/Va.; Williamson:
Okla./Washington Co. H(?); Powell: Ala./Olka.; Bryant: Tn./
Ky./Okla./Texas; Williams: Ky./N.C.; Dees: Ky./S.C.

Dees, W.C., P.O. Box 88 Piedmont, S.C. 29673 Dees: Mich./
N.C.; Myers: Iowa/Pa./Austin/N.C.; Pressley: N.C.; Finchy
S.C./N.C.; Porter: S.C.

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Brautigam, Helen 3106 Rustic Court, Fort Collins, Co.,
80526 Dees: Mo./Ill.; Floyd: Tn. Kinder:(?)

Chestnut, Nelson Phelps, 6653 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas
75214 Chestnut: Texas/Tn.; Watkins: Tn.; Phelps: Tn./Va.
Owens: Tn.; Gragg: Texas/Tn.; Dees: Miss./Texas; Cunningham:
Tn.; Peebles: Miss.(?)

Alexander, Gwendolyn Joyce Crane, 7 Brandywine Drive,
Shrewsbury, Pa. 17361 Dees: Ala.; Carr: (?) Weekly
Williams: Ala.; Hubbard: Ala.

Adams, Robert D., 2140 S. Hillside, Witchita, Ks. 67211
Adams: Ky.; Cottingum: Ky.

Akhtorekavari, Sarah Sue, 6900 Shenandoah Drive, #12
Florence, Ky.; Dees: Ky.

Cromie, Agnes, 900 W. 8th Street, Apt. #3, Odessa, Texas
79763 Dees: Ky./S.C./N.C./Va.; Roop (Rupe): Ky./Va./Md.;
Harrison: Ky./Tn./Va.; Phillips: Ky./S.C.; Metcalf: Ky./Mo./
N.C.; Coker: S.C./Va.

Sparkman, Jan, 930 Bargo Drive, London, Ky. 40741 Williams:
Ky./N.C./Texas; Metcalf: Ky./N.C.; Evans: Ky. Cromer: Ky./Texas
Springer, Ernest, 5120-B Capitol Hill Drive, Fairfield, Ohio
45014 Springer, Co./Iowa/Ohio/Maine; Abbott, N.Y., Narvaiz:
New Mexico; Callendar: New Mexico/Mo./Ky./Va.

Hoffman, Gladys, 1933 Resor Road, Fairfield, Ohio 45014
Surnames same as Cromie.

George, Vida Mae, Rt. 9 Box 26, London, Ky. 40741 Dees, George:
Ky.

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PUBLIC RECORD, continued

William Dees of Edgecombe to Richard Braswell for a valuable consideration, the above 200 acres (deed 1736 - & described same) test: Richard Hurlock, Jacob Braswell, Sarah Braswell; proved at the Aug. Court 1742, by Jacob Braswell.

1749, 11 April, Johnson, Co.; William Dees petitioned for 100 acres of land in Johnston Co. at the same time that his brother Emanuel. (N.C. Colonial Records, Vol. 4 pp. 949-950)

1750, 4 April, William Dees petitioned for 100 acres of land in Johnston, Co., (N.C. Colonial Records, Vol. 4 p. 1035); note from Dees Family p. 6 Wm. does not appear at all in the later records of Johnston Co., and probably died there as a young man.

1790, Sampson Co., N.C. census, William Dees 1m b. pre 1774, 1m b. after 1774 and 4 females. Sampson Dees (next to William) and Hardy Dees, (thought to be sons of Drury Dees, (ED.) born early 1730's Bertie Co., N.C.; parents Emanuel Dees, G. Parents; Emanuel Dees.

1768, 22 December. He Drury was granted 200 acres near the line between Johnston and Duplin Co., though in Johnston Co., on the north side of Juniper Branch, near Beaverdam Swamp and Black Mingo (N.C. Land Grant Office, Book 23, p. 363)

1768, 22 December. He also was granted 100 acres in Johnston Co., on the south side of Bush's Creek, near Mill Creek and Tarrborough Branch. (N.C. Land Grant Office, Book 23, p. 363)

NOTE: Drury owned land in Duplin Co., and in the Johnston County deed it stated he was a resident of Duplin Co. The Duplin Deeds are on file in Sampson Co., N.C. (ED.)

Information sent in by Joyce Alexander. Joyce puts out two newsletters on Israel and Walkup families.

MEMBERSHIP LIST, continued

William Youngman, Rt. 2 Box 28, Breeding, Ky. 42715

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1742, 29 March, Edgecombe Co., N.C., Deed Book 5 p. 80



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HAZELWOOD - DEES CONNECTION

The Kentucky Dees Family records would be incomplete without mention of the collateral lines.

Mark Dees' daughter Celitha married Wyatt Hazelwood, son of Wyatt S. Hazelwood 8 August 1830, in Laurel County. Celitha's brother John Dees was a witness and Isaac Forbes officiated.

Wyatt S. Hazelwood and H. Deshazar jointly conveyed some property to Pleasant Tucker as per a tax list in Buckingham County, Virginia in 1817.

It isn't clear when Wyatt and his family arrived in Kentucky, but he is listed on a Clay County tax list for 1820 owning several hundred acres on White Oak Creek and appears in the 1820 Federal census record.

Laurel County was organized in 1826, whether Wyatt S. land fell in that county or they moved there is unknown at this time. However, he is shown there in the 1830 Federal Census. His son Thomas Hazelwood is listed seperately as he was married to Polly Metcalf 10 December 1827, in Laurel County.

On the 28th day of July 1828, the Grand Jury of Laurel County found enough evidence to indict Thomas Hazelwood for the stabbing of James Elkins. The sheriff was ordered to "bring his body before the court". But he was not found in his bailwick. The result was that Wyatt S. and another son John S. Hazelwood was charged with "aiding and abetting" Thomas and bail was set at \$100 each.

At the September term 1829, of the County Court, Sheriff Samuel McHargrue again reported the Hazelwoods were "not found in my bailwick". They must have been in hiding when the sheriff came around because the census taker enunerated them in 1830.

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Nevertheless, the family moved to Madison County Kentucky where they are located in real estate records, census records and marriage records.

Thomas' wife Polly must have died, because he married Elizabeth Johnson, 8 November 1836, in Madison County. His brother John S. Married Susan Johnson 31 August 1833. Elizabeth Hazelwood (probable daughter of Wyatt S.) married David Barnett 14 July 1833 in Madison County.

Trouble seemed to follow these men. John S. Hazelwood was charged with the burning of the house of his neighbor George West. He appeared in court 10 September 1835, was convicted and served a prison term. He was acquitted by the judge 2 June 1840, "that the Plaintiff would depart without delay".

John did not leave the county. Instead he filed a \$5000 suit. His innocence is questionable due to the wording of the suit. He lost the suit and had to pay court costs. John stayed in Madison County until about 1859, at which time he sold his property and moved to Missouri where he died in Gentry County, 3 October 1879.

In the meantime, Thomas had turned over his land to his brother John in 1841 and disappeared.

A family story relates that a brother to Wyatt named Rolly killed a colored man because he spoke to a white woman. Wyatt made bail for him, but Rolly skipped and Wyatt lost his property. There are no records found to prove this story. It could have gotten garbled through the generations of telling and could have been Thomas caught up at last for the Laurel County stabbing (Rolly could have been a middle name or a nick-name).

During this time James Dees, Celitha's brother, traveled to Madison County and there married Wyatt's sister Mary

CONNECTION, continued

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Solving A Genealogical Problem, continued

born 1884 died 1917, Piggot, Ark. The wide difference in their ages indicated a second marriage or his birthdate was incorrect.

She stated her grandfather was William Simpson Dees and her grandmother was Mary Jane Edwards. Never having read the name Simpson connected with Dees, I thought possibly it was Sampson instead. I checked Southern Historical Families but there was no William Sampson Dees listed.

In the meantime, my sister Agnes Cromie had the same thought about the name Sampson. Knowing of the Sampson Dees (Needham's brother) she wrote to Reta with this suggestion.

Reta's friend Mrs. Dorris Cox wrote to Agnes for Reta, sending information from the 1900 Clay Co., Ark. Federal Census. (I didn't know this until later). It listed W.S. Deesg born 1850, Married 27 years, wife Mary J. born 1850 and showed William Jirson Dees born 1874, Mo., age 25, among other children.

Mrs. Cox asked for further information. Agnes sent a copy of the information on Sampson Dees and his son Denson and Luke, with the suggestion she check Denson's line.

After Geraldine Sanders Smith joined our Association in early 1988, I asked her to check Mo. Census records, especially Marquand, Mo., for William Sampson Dees. She sent information on several Dees families with males named William, in various counties and several Census years.

One of these counties, Bolinger in 1880, showed William Dees age 29, wife Mary J. age 29, Zenas age 4, and Thomas L. age 4 Mos. In the same census are Bluford Dees age 58 and Phoebe 58 and John Levi Robbins age 20, Amanda B. age 22, Mary L. age 5 Mos.

Geraldine had a notation in her records that in 1870, Marshall Co., Ky. Census listed Bluford Dees with a William S. age 19 and Amanda age 12. I knew then I was on the right track. Geraldine had pointed out that Bolinger County was created in 1851. The western strip of Madison County became Bolinger and was within a few miles of Marquand, Mo. It was so close that many people received mail at Marquand, although they lived in Bolinger County.

So, I wrote to the Bolinger County Clerk's office for a marriage record for William S. Dees and Mary Jane Edwards. In Book 2 Page 15, the record shows William Sampson Dees and Mary Jane Edwards were married 11 day of December 1872, and filed for record Feb. 26, 1873. I sent all of this information to Agnes who in turn sent it to Reta and her friend. Unfortunately, we've never heard from Reta again. I have no doubt that we discovered Reta's roots.

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DEES

1. Benjamin Dees, b. c1745; d. after 1816; m. 1771, Tracey Stout, b. before 1755; d. after 1810. (Benjamin had a brother Joel and both were Revolutionary Soldiers)
2. Dempsey Dees, b. before 1774; m. Penelope _____; lived in Sumpter County, N. C.
3. Mark Dees, b. between 1790 and 1800; d. 11-19-1856; m. Jane Pippins, b. 5-10-1801; d. 9-20-1870; dau. of Asa Pippins, b. 1760, N. C.; Mark and Jane lived in Conecuh County, Ala.
4. Calvin Elias Dees, b. 1819 in S. C.; m. Mary Charlotte Tippins, b. 1825; d. 3-5-1899-1989
5. Archibald Dees, b. 1843; d. 1886; m. Jane Huey Ramsay, b. 1853; d. 1929
6. Calvin Elias Dees, b. 1877; d. 1954; m. 6-23-1903, Helen McLure, b. 1887; d. 1937
6. Archie Charlotte Dees, b. 6-21-1879; m. John Martinieri, b. 7-26-1877; d. 2-6-1947
6. Mendum Horace Dees, b. 10-26-1884; d. 5-26-1949; m(1), Ernestine Boling; m(2), Floy Manier
6. Clifton LeRoy Dees, b. 8-17-1886; m. Iona Mills of Baltimore, Md.
5. Nancy Dees, b. 1845 in Alabama
5. Mark Ashley Dees, b. 8-26-1846; m. Annie Starkley Hill, dau. of Thomas Hill and Martha Moore Hill
6. Mark Ashley Dees, Jr.; banker in Texas
6. Patty Dees, m. _____ King
6. Daisy Mae Dees
6. Annie Starkley Dees
6. Beatrice Dees
5. Lemuel Dees, b. 1848 (Married and had eight children; record not available)
5. Frances Dees, b. 1850
5. Jane Tippins Dees, m. Drewry Almanza Fort, d. 1914
6. Lee Linson Fort, b. 1865; d. 1930
6. Erle Dees Fort, b. 1866; d. 1876
6. Medora Fort, b. 1870; d. 1944; m. James Freeman Sellers
7. Thomas Fort Sellers, b. 1890; m. Mary _____
7. James Freeman Sellers, Jr., d. 1944; m. Margaret Walker
7. William Leroy Sellers, d. 1960, m. Marie _____
7. Erle Dees Sellers, m. Nellie Dilworth
7. Mark Ashley Sellers, m. Katherine _____
7. Mannie Abbott Sellers, m. Madeline _____
6. Mannie Almanza Fort, b. 1872; d. 1952; m. Pearl Quinney, b. 1873; d. 1946
7. Randolph Lewis Fort, b. 1908; m. 1934, Carrie Bell Seals, b. 1909
7. Pearl Quinney Fort, b. 1913; m. 1943, Durwood T. Pye, b. 1909

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Joel Dees I
b. April 14, 1749
Johnston Co., N.C.
d. March 28, 1846
Baldwin Co., Ala
m. Tabitha _____

Children

Joel Dees II
James Dees
Nancy Dees - probably
Another daughter

Father - John Dees
b. about 1710 - 13
D. before 1790-Johnston Co. N. C.

Mother - Mary _____

Brothers and sisters

John Dees Jr.
Shadrack Dees
Bolling Dees
Daughter - name unknown

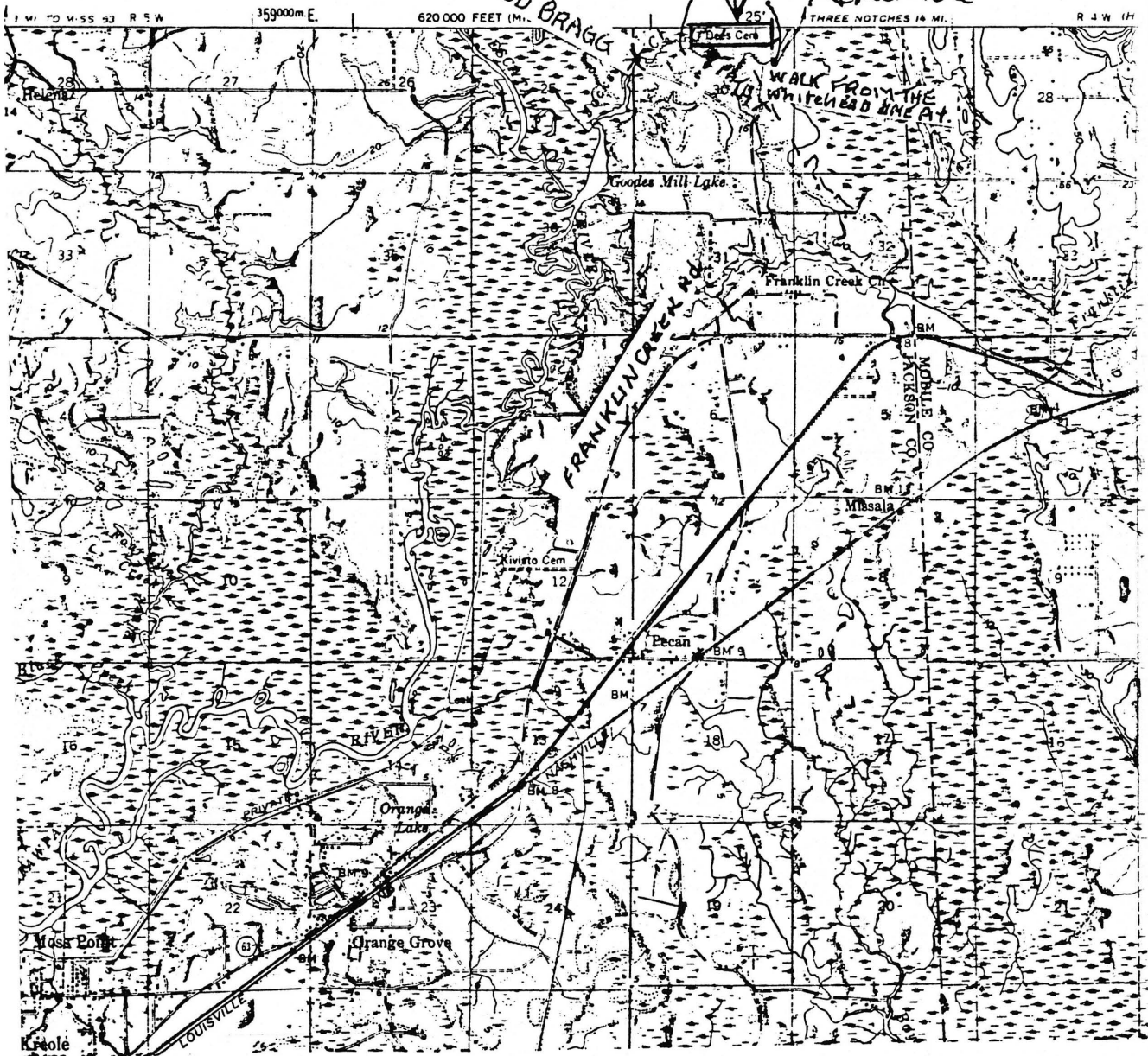
Joel Dees I first appears in Edgefield Co. S.C. in 1795, is shown there with 2 sons and 2 daughters in the census of 1800, and last appears there in 1818, when he and Tabitha Dees and their son Joel Dees Jr. made a deed. He was a Revolutionary soldier in North Carolina according to his pension claim from Baldwin Co. Ala. in the early 1840's (Pension Claim R-2841), which states that he enlisted in 1776, served at various times until the end of the war, and was in an engagement at Brown Marsh, N.C., in the Battle of Guilford, and Yorktown, when Cornwallis surrendered. His claim to a Revolutionary Pension is to some degree given additional substantiation by the fact that "J. Dees", otherwise unidentified unless he was Joel, saw service in the Revolution in North Carolina (Revolutionary Accounts at Raleigh, Vol. VIII, p. 13, folder 1). The claim is circumstantial, but was refused because of lack of documentary proof, which the old soldier said was all burned, when he was living at his sister's house in North Carolina and the home was destroyed by fire. The claim also states that he lived for many years in Edgefield Johnston Co., N.C., then for many years in Edgefield Co., S.C., then for 6 years in Richmond Co. Georgia, before he finally moved to Baldwin Co., Alabama.

Information from Historical Southern Families, Volume XVI, pp. 184-5 and Volume XVIII, pp. 10-12.

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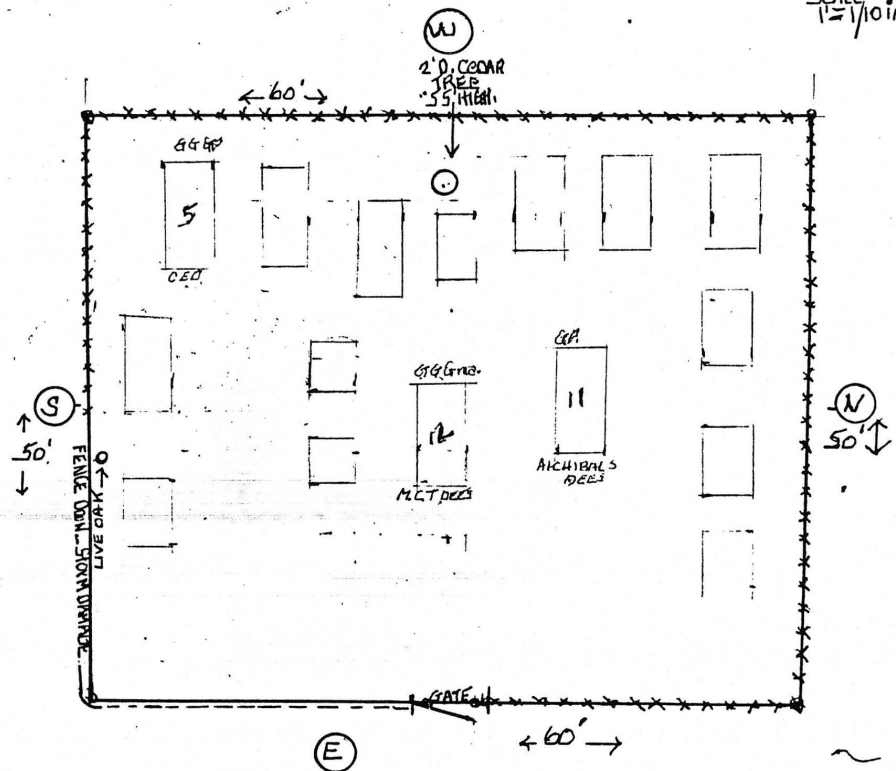
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JACKSON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

LISTED AS PER BURIAL DATES

1. JOHN P. DEES SON OF MARK AND JANE DEES (FORT)
d. NOV. 1876. b. FEB. 1839.
2. PHILLIP JOHN DEES b. JAN. 25, 1852. d. NOV. 11, 1853.
3. JAMES M. STEVENS b. 11, 1839. d. APRIL 17, 1862
4. MEDORA MARIETA DEES b. OCT. 2, 1860. d. DEC. 29, 1864
5. CALVIN E. DEES b. OCT. 31, 1819. d. MAY 22, 1867.
(HEAD STONE IN MEMORY OF MASTER NATION GUYLEN) (CED.)
6. EARL DEES FORT b. APRIL 4, 1870. d. APRIL 9, 1870
7. BETTY ERNESTINE CARR. b. MAY 3, 1870. d. OCT. 9, 1870
8. JANE, WIFE OF MARK DEES. b. MAY 18, 1809. d. 26, 1870
"HEAD STONE - IN MEMORY OF" "FOOTSTONE - HERE THE MOTHER
OF THESE BRAVES IN THIS SILENT TOMB
IS LAID."
9. HENRY P. FOARD. b. 1834. d. OCT. 7, 1874
10. ELIZABETH ANN DEES, DAUGHTER OF STERLING CARR
d. SEPT 22, 1838. d. OCT. 25, 1875.
"HE HEALS THE BROKEN IN HEART AND BINDS UP
THEIR WOUNDS."
11. ARCHIBALD S. DEES b. JAN. 6, 1844. d. JUNE 2, 1886
12. MARY CHARLOTTE TIPPIN DEES b. NOV. 8, 1821. d. MCH 5, 1869
"UNTIL HER MASTER COMES HERE SLEEPS OUR MOTHER"
13. INFANT SON - HENRY P. AND NANCY DEES FOARD
DIED IN INFANCY.
14. ADDONIRAM JUDSON EASTERLING - DIED IN INFANCY.
15. MOTHER - MARY FORT DEES - DIED JAN. 24, 1926.
AGE 83 YEARS (BORN 1843)
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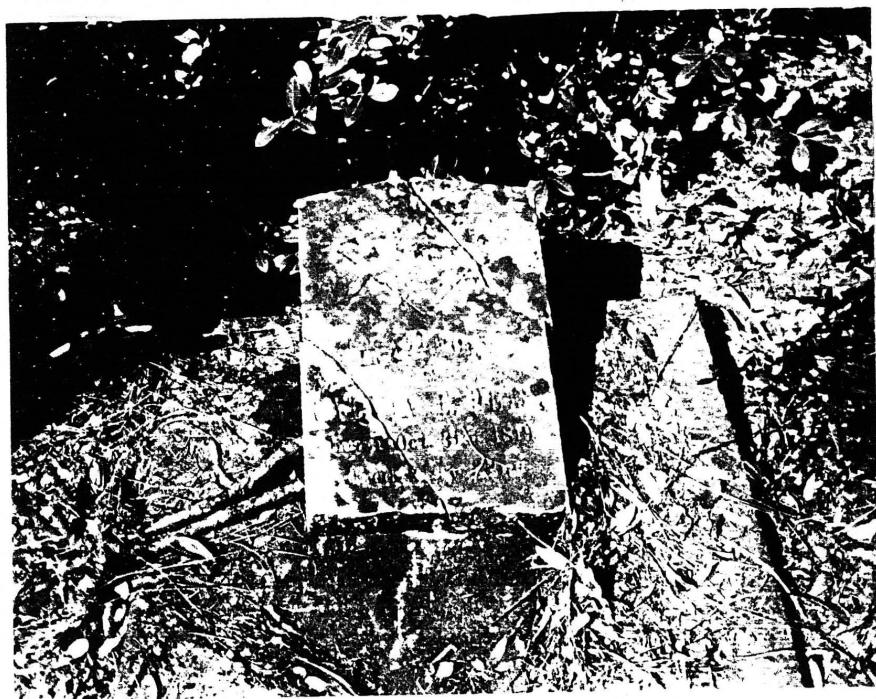
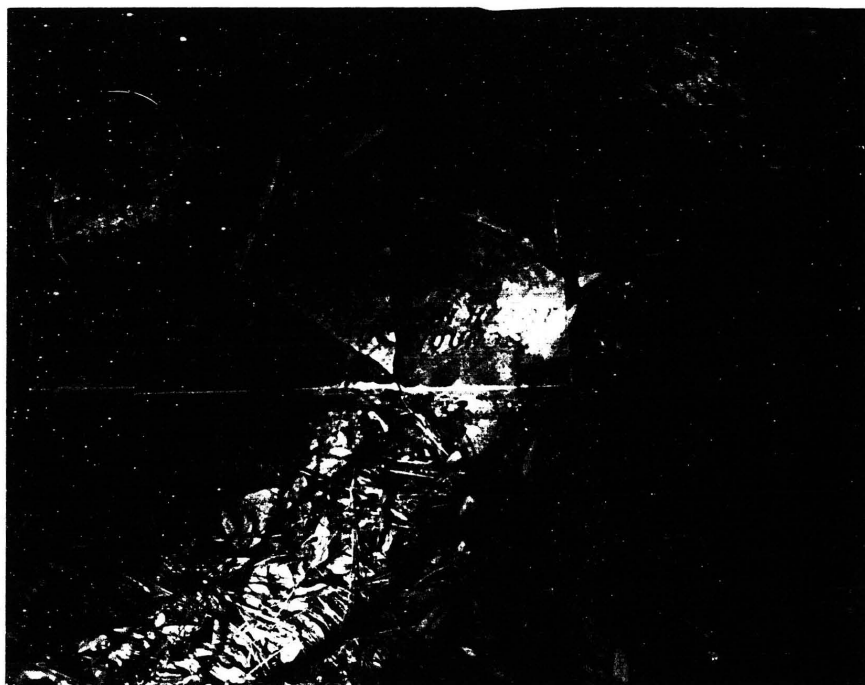
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IN MEMORY OF
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b. OCT 31 1819 d. MAY 22 1867

(FOOTSTONE)
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MEDORA MARIETTA DEES
b. OCT. 2 1860
d. DEC. 29. 1864



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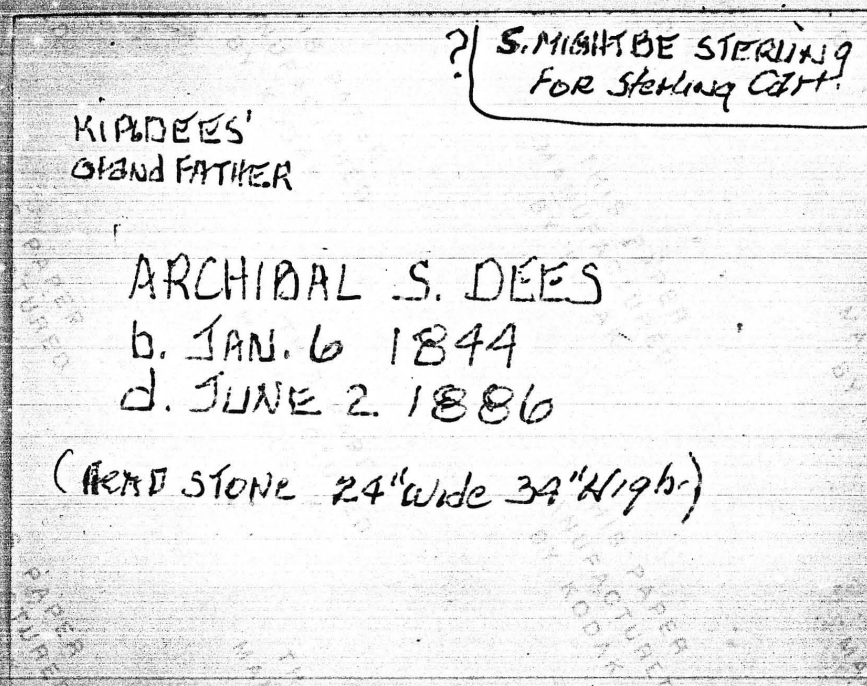
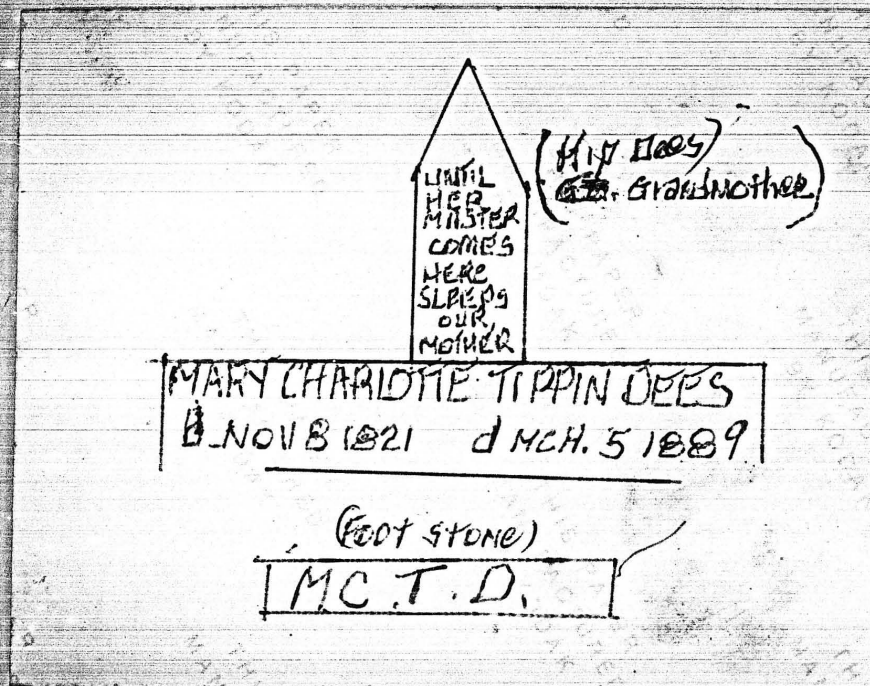
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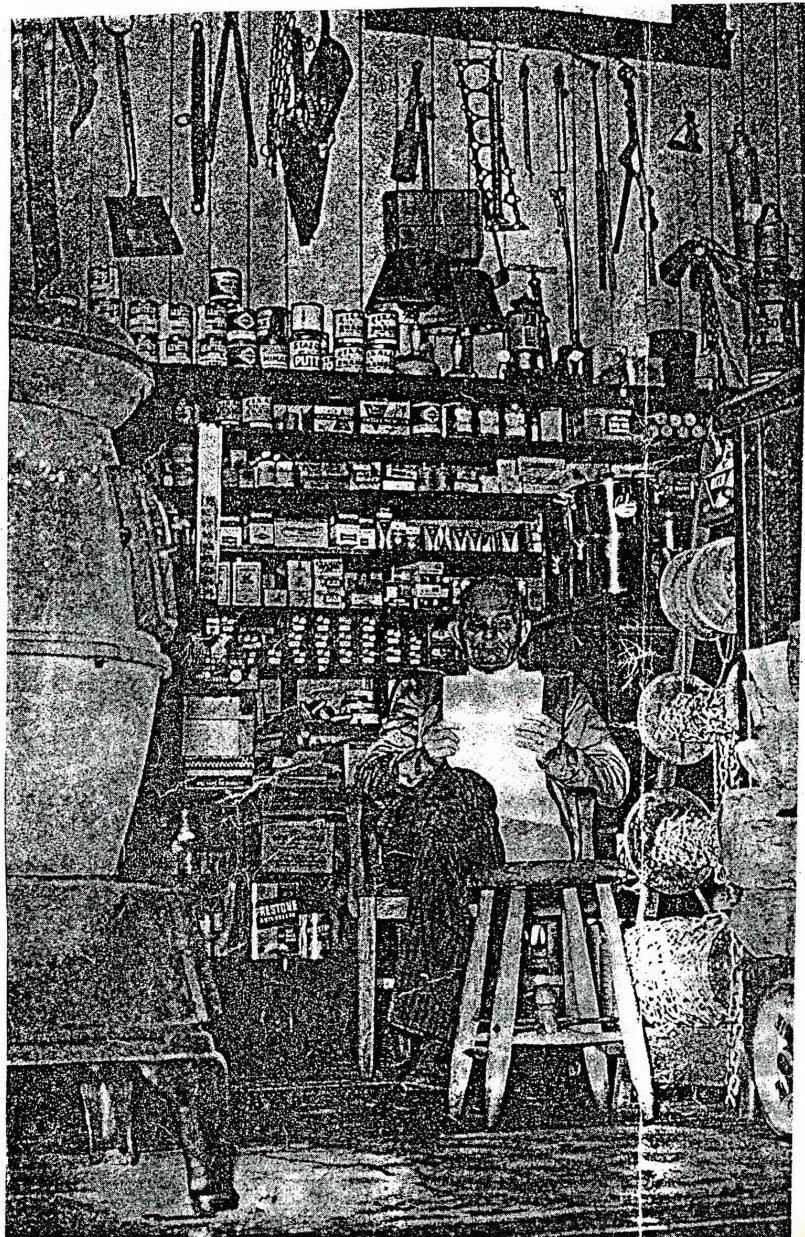
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Inside Dees General Merchandise Store—presenting a glimpse of its infinite variety of merchandise, its friendly pot bellied stove and its founder and proprietor, Cliff Dees.

EVER get a hankering for the good old days; when life was simpler, people took time to visit, and community life centered around the General Merchandise Store? I know a place where it's still like that!

Come with me to Van Cleave, Mississippi, about fifteen miles north of Ocean Springs on Highway 59, and let's pay a visit to the Dees General Merchandise Store. It's not a museum, but a real live operating busi-

ness catering to folks whose families have been settled around there since the early 1800s.

Most of them are English, who came over from England, or the Carolinas and Virginia. They were given land grants, and brought with them a knowledge of farming and cattle raising. They found the land suitable, the forest of long leaf pine rich in timber, and later turpentine and charcoal burning were profitable businesses. The present generation is

going in for cattle raising, and there are quite a few real ranches in the area.

Here in this rolling pine land, where Bluff Creek wanders down from the hills into the adjacent Pascagoula swamplands, visitors will find a veritable hunting and fishing heaven, plus the fun of becoming acquainted with a people who are content with their lives and traditions.

In the center of the community, just across the Bluff Creek bridge, sits Dees Store. It is a large weather-beaten structure, raised high on its foundation to escape the high waters that sometimes flood the lands beside the creek. Out in front are modern gas tanks, the yards are filled with cars, trucks, horses, sometimes wandering cows and pigs. Along the front of the store runs a wide gallery, with crude benches, nearly always occupied by resters, in from the woods, or the farms, or the saw mills, or the nearby fishing camps. Lounging ne-

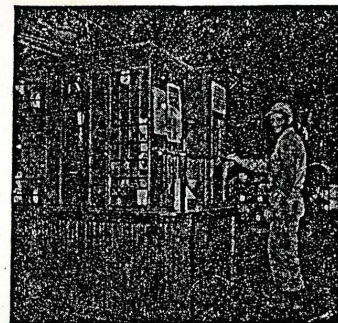
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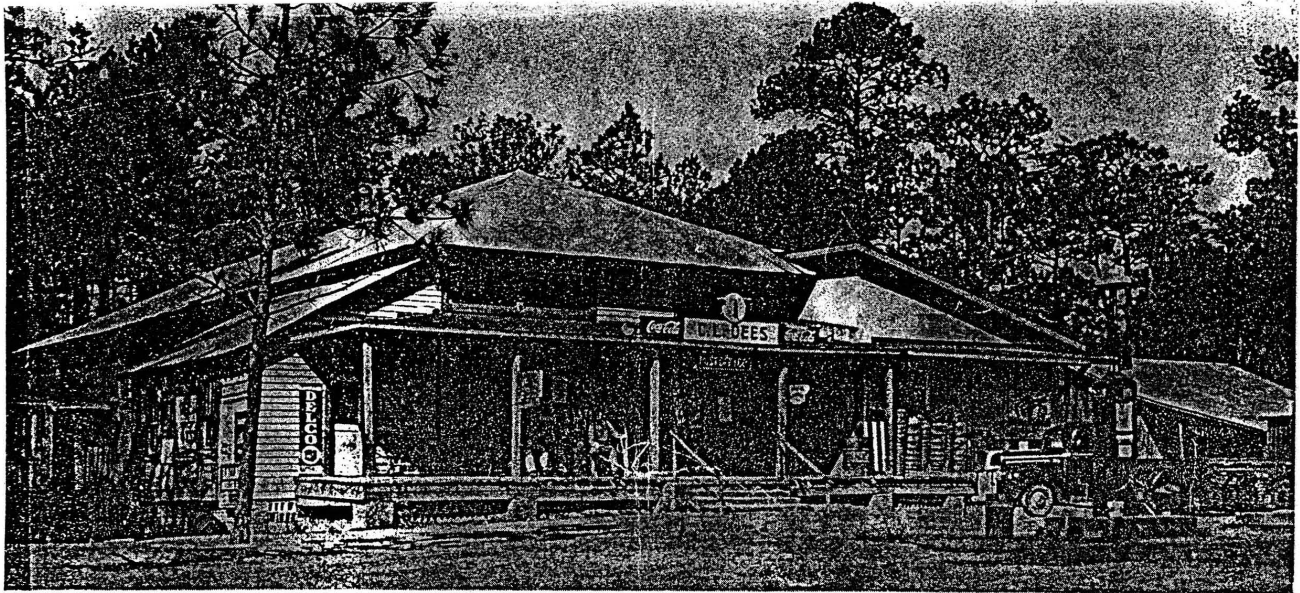
groes are waiting for the wood-trucks or for the womenfolks to "make groceries." All of them will smile and speak, and go on with their "news-passing." On the walls are tacked the usual signs, political posters, church supper notices and there is even a shoe shine chair chained to its stand!

Upon entering, even on the hottest days, I am always amazed at the coolness inside. Stop a minute and accustom your eyes to the dimness, no neon glare in here. The main part of the store is very wide, long and high ceilinged, perhaps 110 long by 50 feet wide. Over the years rooms and

The Van Cleave U.S. Postoffice—the 6 feet square enclosure inside Dees Store around which the life of the community has revolved for many interesting years.



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Dees General Store at Van Cleave, nestling amid longleaf pine on the banks of Bluff Creek, was originally a commissary serving the community of charcoal burners and the turpentine workers—one of the last of the "company stores."

General Merchandise Store

rooms and sheds and sheds have been added. The walls and ceiling are heart pine, painted a long while ago, white I suppose, but now a weathered ivory.

Stop right inside the front door and take a leisurely look around. Directly in the center is a square box-like structure with windows. The U.S. Post Office! No gingerbread decorations, purely functional. This is the heart of the community, at least it was for many years before the days of paved roads and rural mail delivery.

Mr. Bennie Taylor is inside the enclosure, delivering a package from D. H. Holmes Store in New Orleans to a woman customer in a pink-checked house dress. Perhaps this new finery will be worn on the first Sunday at the New Prospect Camp Ground meeting, which has been a big occasion around here for over 100 years.

Mr. Flurry, the other store keeper, comes up to greet us, and we start out asking questions over a cold Coke. When we ask him if we can just look around, he says, "Sure, go right ahead. Plenty of tourists and northern people come here to look around, but nearly always end up buying something we've had in stock for 20 years. Those old iron wash pots, for instance. Nearly everyone around here has automatic washers."

Such a conglomeration of mer-

chandise, thousands of things, stacked on shelves, hanging from the walls, filling every inch of the place, such incongruous groupings of things, but at the same time there is an orderliness in the disorder. Let's start at the drygoods department on our left and work back. Shelves are filled with piece goods, and men's hats, cheap ones and Stetsons. In the glass cases are jewelry and hair nets; cotton petticoats and table linen; silver-

ware and school supplies; nylon hose and black cotton ones. On top of the counters are fishing hats, bonnets, men's sport shirts, baby strollers, blankets, electric fans, ice cream freezers, both hand cranks and electric, rain coats, paint brushes and sponges.

Next we come to the drug department. Shelf after shelf of patent medicines interspersed with various
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Peggy and Betty, the identical Dees Twins (Toni Twins in 1949) even confused Mr. Taylor, longtime Dees employee. Incidentally, on the day this picture was taken, they dressed alike for the last time (a life long habit). One got married the next day and broke up the twinship. Don't ask us which is Peggy, and which is Betty.





Waitin' to the mail, or to the womenfolks to finish shoppin', or to a ride down the road! What difference anyhow—Dees Store gallery was made for sittin' and news swappin'.

Dees Store

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articles such as vacuum bottles beside Lydia E. Pinkham Compound, Heat powder, 666 tonic, pine oil, ant poison, oil and gasoline lamps. (REA has only been in this community a few years and many folks are not enjoying it yet.) There are two-gallon camp coffee pots beside Cory coffee makers.

Underneath the back balcony, which is hung with horse collars, bridles, saddle blankets, ropes, plow shares, automobile tires, and log chains, is the hardware department. There are kegs of nails, pots and pans, garden seeds, and one shelf of "Camwood Ivory" by Universal. Dinner sets and oven-proof kitchen ware, not for sale! Such pieces are given free with cash purchases and coupons. In addition to the usual pieces there are china salad servers and demi-tasse cups!

Behind this there is a lean-to shed containing sacks of charcoal, tanks of kerosene, and an electric pop-corn stand! Hanging on the wall is an old ice cream parlor iron chair.

Up on the balcony is an array of plumbing and electrical supplies, in addition to more horse collars, wagon shafts and tricycles and toys.

Back down stairs we wander into the grocery department. There is an enormous stock of canned goods, plus racks of fresh turnip greens, onions, sweet potatoes and blackeyed peas. There are sacks of grits, big bags of flour, plus Bake-N-Serve rolls! Spang in the center of this area is a barrel of cane fishing poles.

Let's slip into the room opening off the grocery, which contains such

fascinating articles as pot-bellied stoves, those historic iron wash pots, spiders, Dutch ovens-on-legs, corn stick and muffin pans, huge black tin biscuit pans for camp style eating. Hanging on the wall are huge dip-pers, perfect for ladling out squirrel stew!

Next to this room is the screened-in meat market, with a modern display counter containing pork chops, steaks, "Red Hots," sausage in oil, salt pork and hoop cheese; but NO cracker barrel.

When we turn around we are in the fishing tackle department. And the stock on hand is indicative of the various types of fishing enjoyed up in Big Bear Bayou, Red Creek, Dead Lake, the Pascagoula River Swampland Paradise. If you are a fisherman, Dees has the tackle. Fly rods, glass rods, spinning rods, and that old faithful, the "slaughter" pole. Here are bait buckets, oars, paddles, outboard motors, tennis shoes, hip boots, boat seats and if you want a boat, they can order it for you!

Last we will take a fast look at Mr. Dees' office. Over the door hangs the biggest mirror in Van Cleave, or perhaps on the Coast. This might not look like the "Executive Suite" but it IS functional. The furnishings are rocking chairs, a cute old high stool by the desk. It is a real old-timer. There are two enormous iron safes. (Never had a robbery that was successful.) I'll guarantee you some big deals have been made within these four walls.

Which brings us up to the man behind this business, this amazing store.

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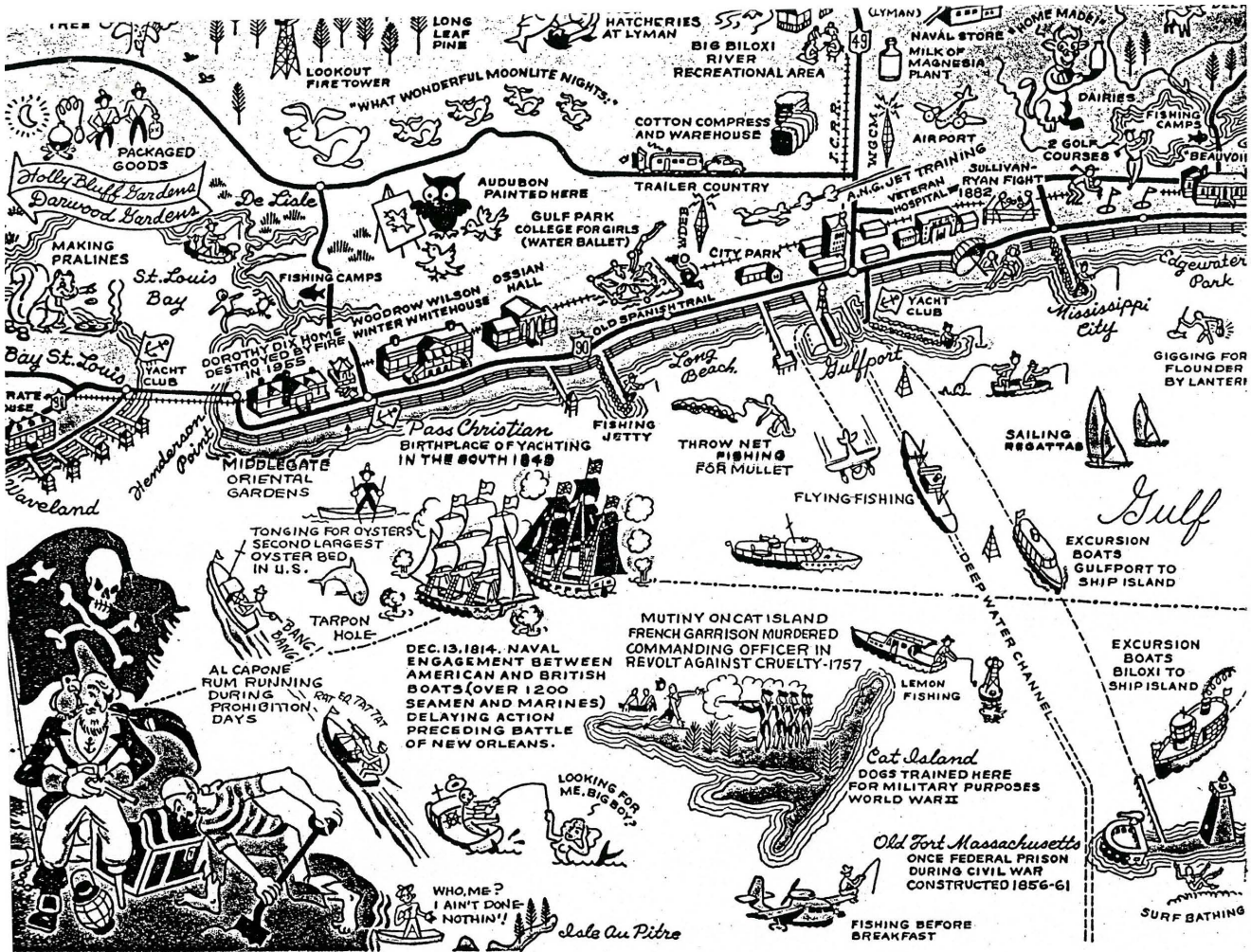
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"Where is Cliff Dees?" we ask Mr. Flurry over the sale of, you guessed it, two iron wash pots.

"Oh, Cliff's around somewheres. Said he was goin' out to see about some turnip green picking—won't

stay long — might be down having some coffee at "The Coffee Pot." I'll declare, there he goes, drivin' that new car. He just turned into his blacksmith shop, or garage, whatever it is. Hurry and you'll catch him."

So we run, not walk over the sandy lot, as Cliff Dees is not the slow moving, slow talking fictional Southerner,

but a ball-of-fire, a fast talking, wiry, shrewd man of business.

Already he's squatting down giving orders to a mechanic, or blacksmith, underneath a big wood-hauling truck.

With all his fast moving, he's a very hospitable man, so he lets us persuade him back to the cool gallery and the interview is carried on with previously prepared questions, as I have found out he won't sit still for a leisurely chat.

Question—Where were you born, Cliff? Here?

Answer—Nope! Grand Bay, Alabama, 1886 (He sure doesn't look it.) My father was a timber contractor. Had three sons: Menden, who was an automobile dealer in Biloxi; Calvin, who had a store like mine up in Perkinston, his son Gene runs it now; and one sister, a Mrs. Martinierre in Biloxi.

Q—When did you come to Van Cleve? Was the John Dease, whose name is on the 1814 tax rolls and was a captain in the State Militia,

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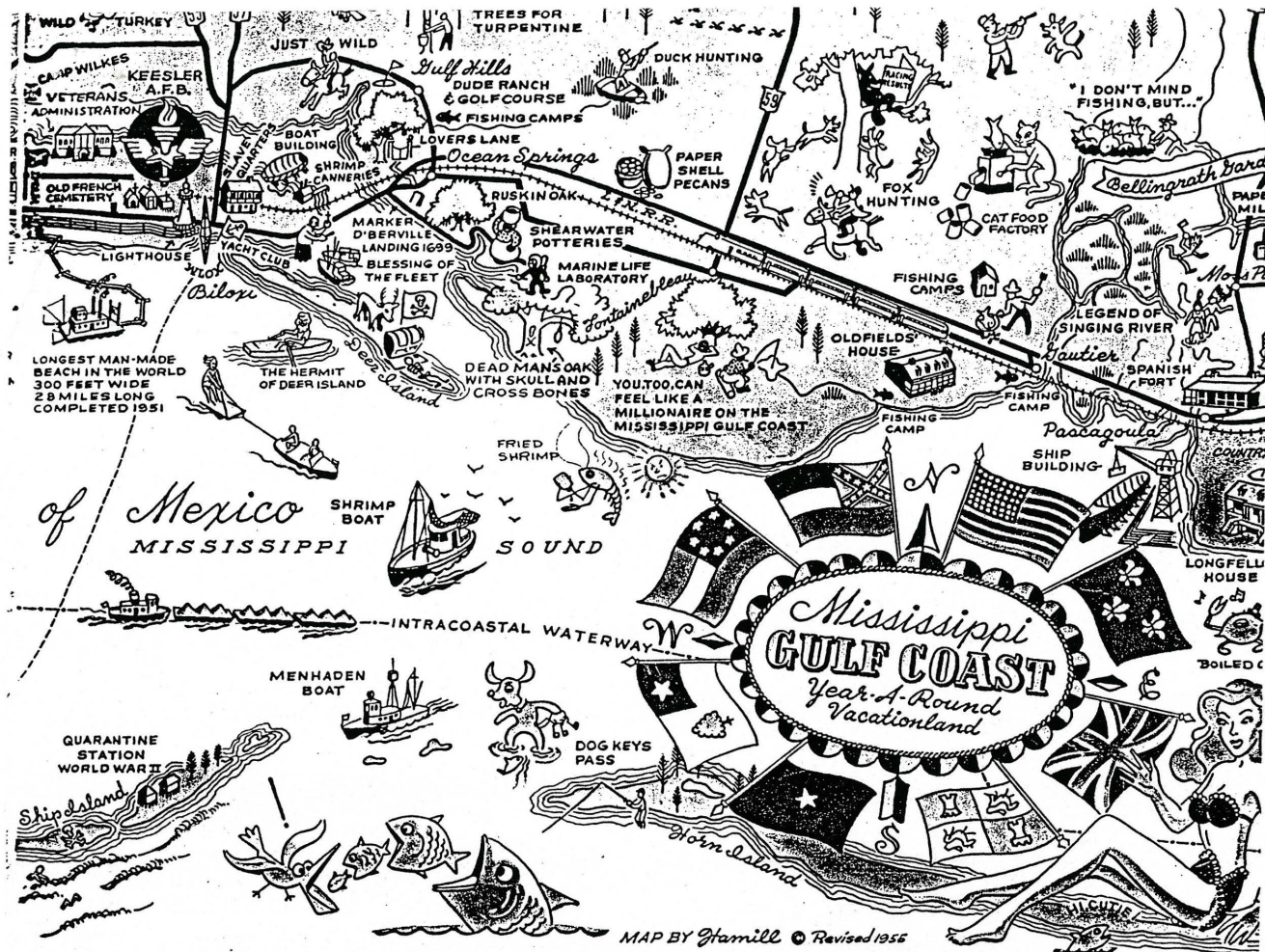
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your kinfolks?

A—Don't know. As a young man I went to Millsaps up at Jackson and then came to Van Cleve before World War I. Went to work in this here store. It was then the Commissary for the Dantzler Lumber Company. Called the Van Cleave Lumber Company. Dantzlars were a prominent family then and still are. Worked 'til World War broke out, and went to the Army.

Q—Then you returned to work here?

A—Nope. Went right across the street and built myself a small store, which was named "The Red Cash" by a joker named Ellis.

Q—Cliff, did you ever meet James Street when he was down here gathering material for his book "Good Bye, My Lady"? It was about the Pascagoula swamp and the storekeeper was named Cash Eyans?

A—Never heard of him. Have you read "4 Centuries on the Pascagoula" by Cyril Cain?

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Q—Yep. Well, what did you sell in the Red Cash?

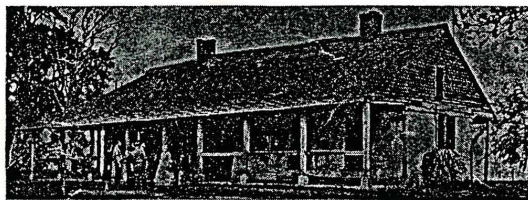
A—Dry goods, groceries, feed. Later on I bought out the only telephone exchange when J. S. Anderson died. He built the line from Ocean Springs. I hired me a man and taught him to climb poles and, by the way, he is still the electrician here, and

a good one.

Q—When did you buy out this store?

A—1926. Paid \$17,500 for it. Took me eight years to pay for it.

Q—About that time things were really booming. Turpentine, logging, charcoal, and the lumber business (Continued on Page 28)



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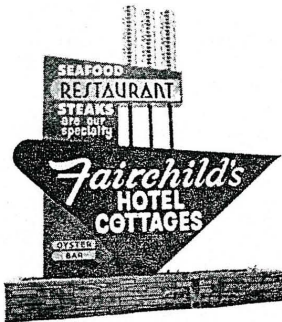
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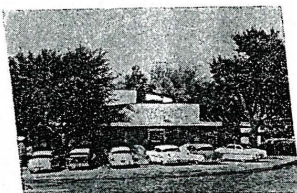
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were going strong. Plenty of cash customers?

A—And credit ones. Waited on some of them to pay when they could. Still waiting on some of them!

Q—How was your merchandise brought in? No trains, and not much road.

A—By schooners from New Orleans—up Bluff Creek. They'd go back loaded with charcoal, for sale to Naval stores and washwomen. Fleets of schooners ran up here up 'til 1929.

Q—And then—Boom to Depression! Times go hard, huh?

A—Yep, but we managed. Built that house across the road for my family—began to do some trading—managed.

Q—Yes, I know how well you MANAGED. You are considered one of the most successful business men on the Coast. As of right now, name all the businesses you are running.

A—Oh, well, I got a little land (Thousands of acres). Got a few cattle. (Hundreds.) Got a couple of farms. Raise lots of nice vegetables and feed. Out there on one place we got a sugar cane mill and a feed-grinding mill. Got a saw mill, a planing mill, a service station, blacksmith shop, garage, a few logging trucks, and then this store. I'm real interested in reforestation, we just gotta be.

Q—Oil well?

A—Dry hole. Some folks say the oil companies capped her up. Have to try again sometime.

Q—Now, about your family. Mrs. Dees was born in Baltimore, Maryland I understand and educated at nearby Goucher College. She majored in Sociology and was seriously interested in the study of medicine with pediatrics as a specialty, right?

A—Came in handy raising children of her own — practical.

Q—I understand her family was a most interesting and intellectual one who traveled extensively wintering in Florida and summers on the Gulf Coast where you met her.

A—Yep—took me two years to catch her. Had to go up to Atlantic City once. They were spending summer there — long trip but important.

Q—Well, that was quite a big decision for her to make, moving to Van Cleave from Baltimore; and while not pioneering was not exactly city life.

A—What's wrong with pioneering? She liked it.

Q—I understand that you and Mrs. Dees have been very active in the carnival balls on the Coast — you as a



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A—Yeah.

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Q—Well, you've had a full life, and beside your many local activities have made a name for yourself in state affairs. Weren't you a Mississippi Colonel on Governor White's staff?

A—Governor Bailey's.

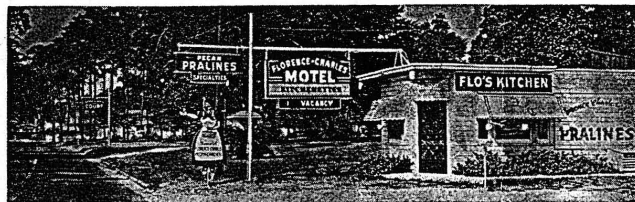
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A—We-ell—I guess it was John Caffery, President of the International Harvester Company. He sure knows tractors. I've got four of them, four rubber tired and two crawlers. And now I'll tell you, I've really enjoyed you folks. Sorry my wife isn't home, else I'd invite you over for fried chicken and turnip greens. But I got to meet a fellow at the New Prospect Methodist Camp Grounds. Roof needs patching on our camp. Come up sometime during the meet and take in some good singing, a little preaching and lots of good eating. Best mulligan stew in Mississippi. Do you city folks good to slow down once in a while. So long!

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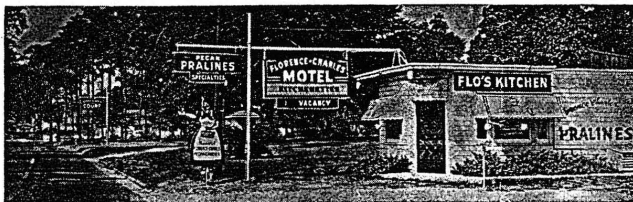
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Davis, Alfred Thomas, Dec 21, 1849-Aug 12, 1907
Son of James Davis & Nancy Ferrill; m Alice Ely
Davis, Alice Ann *Ely*, Apr 5, 1850-Jan 6, 1933
Dau of John Chas & Margaret Goff Ely
Davis, James Edwin, Nov 1, 1873-Oct 23, 1903
Son of Alfred & Alice Ely Davis
Davis, Pearl *Crippen*, Aug 22, 1883-Mar 29, 1910
Wife of James Edwin Davis
Emerson, Nancy E., Sep 30, 1878-Jan 10, 1903
1st wife of Rollie Emerson, Sr.
Emerson, Baby, Nov 21, 1907-Dec 7, 1907
Son of Rollie & Jennie Emerson
Davis, John Marvin, Sep 26, 1887 - Dec 11, 1947
Son of Alfred & Alice Ely Davis
Stevens, Olive *Davis*, Mar 9, 1876 - May 19, 1916
Stevens, Edgar, Dec 28, 1901-May 8, 1910
Son of Robert & Olive Davis Stevens

Dees Cemetery

The Dees Cemetery is located in the NW 1/4 of Section 30, T6S R4W, off Franklin Creek Road, southwest of Whitehead's Lime Storage Area, Jackson County, Mississippi. The Dees Cemetery was established in 1853 by Calvin E. Dees for the burial of his son Phillip John Dees, who died November 11, 1853. The cemetery in 50' by 60'.

Tombstone inscriptions were recorded by John A. Martiniere and Clifton M. Dees, October 15, 1986 and

The Delancey Family Cemetery is located in extreme western Jackson County in the SE/4, SW/4, NW/4 of Section 34, T6S-R9W, approximately 3.6 miles NNE of D'Iberville, Mississippi. The earliest burial in the cemetery is that of Susan Delancey (1835-1884).

A deed recorded June 29, 1905, book 29, page 63 of Jackson Co, Miss sets aside 1/4 of an acre, known as the

updated Clifton M. Dees and Harry H. McDonald, Sr., December 6, 1995. On September 14, 1996, the Scouts from Troop 220 restored this cemetery to the best of their ability. Most of the markers are broken and several are missing.

MAP

Looking West, reading right to left.

Row 1

Stevens, James M., Nov 18, 1839-Apr 17, 1862

Co 1, 21 Ala. 21 Ala Inf. CSA

Dees, Calvin E., Oct 31, 1819 - May 22, 1867

Dees, Phillip John, Jan 25, 1852-Nov 11, 1853

Son of Calvin E. & Mary Charlotte Tippin Dees

Easterling, Adoniram Judson, *died in infancy,*

Son of Elizabeth A. Dees & Wm L. Easterling

Dees, John P., Feb 4, 1839-Nov 18, 1869

Son of Mark & Jane Pippins Dees

Dees, Jane Pippins, May 18, 1804-Sep 20, 1870

Wife of Mark A. Dees

Row 2

Dees, Mary Fort, died Jan 24, 1926, age 83

Wife of John P. Dees

Dees, Medora Marietta, Oct 2, 1860-Dec 29, 1864

Dau of Calvin E. & Mary Charlotte Tippin Dees

Fort, Earl Dees, Apr 4, 1870 - Apr 19, 1870

Carr, Betty Ernestine, May 3, 1870 - Oct 9, 1870

Carr, Elizabeth *Dees Easterling*, *Wife of Benjamin Carr*

Sep 22, 1838-Oct 25, 1875

Foard, Henry P., 1834 - Oct 7, 1874

Foard, Infant *son of Henry P. & Nancy Dees Foard*

Dees, Archibald S., Jan 6, 1844 - Jun 2, 1886

Dees, Mary Charlotte *Tippin*, Nov 8, 1821-Mar 5, 1889

Romaine, Nannie *Dees*, 1841-Aug 15, 1905

Unmarked, dates from obituary

Delancey Family Cemetery

DeLancey Grave Yard to be used for a cemetery and burial purposes. Tombstone inscription and location provided by Ray L. Bellande, January 22, 1990.

MAP

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Provost Marshal's Office.

East Pascagoula Dec. 28th 1864.

I do hereby solemnly and sincerely swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign, and that I will bear true and faithful allegiance and loyalty to the same, any Ordinance, Resolution or Law of any State, Convention or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I take this oath, and assume all its responsibilities, legal and moral, of my own free will, and with a full determination, pledge and purpose to observe and fulfill it, and without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and further, that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties that may be required of me by law, as a true and loyal citizen of the United States. And may God help me so to do!

C. E. Dees

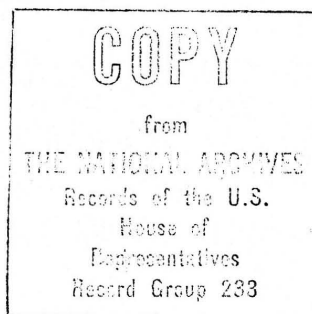
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *twenty eighth* day of
December 1864.

Wm H. Boulston
1st Deputy Pro Marshal
East Pascagoula

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Barred Claim of DEES MARK A ADM OF
EST OF CALVIN E DEES

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PASS *for five days* NO. *11264*

HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.
Office of Provost Marshal General.



B. B. Dees family New Orleans, *May 25th* 1865.

Pass M *to* from New Orleans to *Pascagoula*

DUNCAN & CO. Union Book Store, 136 Campbell St. N.Y.C.

This Pass is given upon the Parole of Honor of the holder, that he will in no way give information countenance, aid or support to the so-called Confederate Government or States.

By order of COL. F. A. STARRING,
Kenneth Williams Provost Marshal General.
Lieut. & A. A. D. C.

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Pads mill Sept 15 1863 Received from Mr C. E. Dees the
sum of eleven thousand Dollars for my interest in
the two piles of Dress lumber bought of M^r G. Goads
at his mill in Dog river

W. A. Wick

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Head-Quarters 13th A. C.
Mobile, Ala. May 12/65

Mr. C. E. Dees, of Pascagoula,
Miss., has permission to bring
his family from New Orleans
to that place.

By Order of Maj. Ch. Granger;

A. W. Emery,
Maj. A. C.

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Head Quarters Dist. of S. Ala.

Five Mile Creek Miss. Jan. 6th 1865-

Mr. Deas with one man has permission to
go to Good's Mill in a boat and return with
his family and such goods as he may wish
to bring. On his return he will report to Lt Col,
S. at Snipin Mills.

By Command of
Col. A. B. Bertram
O. G. Miller
Capt. Raab.

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No. 187 ..

PETITION

OF

Mark A. Dees. Adm'r
Estate of Calvin C. Dees.

TO THE

COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS.

Residence of Claimant East

Pascagoula Jackson Co
Miss.

Nature of Claim Stays &c

Amount claimed, \$ 14,915.00

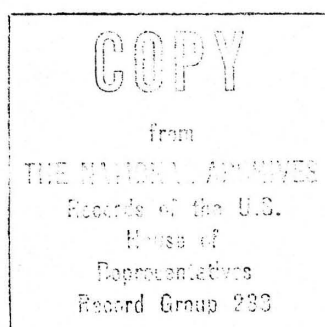
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Commission

Barred Claim of MARK A DEES ADM OF EST
OF CALVIN E. DEES

PETITION.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Claims,
Under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1871, Washington, D. C.:

The Petition of Mark A. Dees as admr. of the
Estate of his father Calvin E. Dees
respectfully represents:

That he is citizen of the United States, and reside at present at or near
East Pascagoula Jackson County State of Mississippi
and that he his father resided when this claim accrued at or near Goodes Mills on
Meadowville Post Office in Jackson County Miss

That he had a claim against the United States for property taken
for the use of the army of the United States during the late rebellion at (or near) Goodes
Mills or Meadowville Post Office
in the county of Jackson, and State of
Mississippi

That the said claim, stated by items, and excluding any and all items of damage, destruction, and loss, (and not use,) of property; of unauthorized or unnecessary depredations by troops and other persons upon property, or of rent or compensation for the use or occupation of buildings, grounds, or other real-estate, is as follows:

No. of Item	QUANTITIES AND ARTICLES	VALUE
1	24,000 Feet of dressed Yellow Pine shoring Lumber @ \$3.50	10700 00
2	100 Sacks Corn @ \$3.00 per Sack	300 00
3	40 Bbls Corn in yokes or Shucked @ \$2.00	80 00
4	1000 lbs Stodder @ \$2.00 per hundred	20 00
5	4000 " Hay @ two cents per lb.	80 00
6	150 Bushels Sweet Potatoes @ \$1.00 per Bu.	150 00
7	10 Bbls Flour @ \$10.00 per bbl	100 00
8	250 lbs Bacon @ 20 cents per lb.	50 00
9	1 Keg Lard @	10 00
10	130 Head of Hogs @ \$3.00 per head	390 00
11	35 " Cattle @ \$15.00	525 00
12	27 " " work Oxen @ \$25.00	675 00
13	4 " " Horses & mules	600 00
14	1 Mule wagon and harness	150 00
15	2 Buggies one small & one two horse	150 00
16	2 Sets Tools Black Smith & Carpenter	150 00
17	4 Ot Wagon Equipments	500 00
18	2 1/2 Bales Tobacco	250 00
Total,		14915 00

Note 1. Give full names of all the petitioners.
2. Give the residence of each petitioner.
3. Give the former residence of each petitioner.
4. "Taken," or "furnished."

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That the property in question was taken or furnished for the use of a portion of the army of the United States, known as ^[5] *Gen Gordon's operations against Mobile* and commanded by *Colonel Burtum of 20th Wisconsin a J. Brigade Gen.* and that the persons who took or received the property, or who authorized or directed it to be taken or furnished, were the following:

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	Regiment, Corps or Station.
<i>Col Burtum</i>	<i>Act. Pos. Gen.</i>		<i>2d Wisconsin Reg</i>
<i>Starr</i>	<i>Lieut. Col.</i>		<i>2d " "</i>
<i>Col Bruce</i>	<i>Col.</i>		<i>19 Iowa Inf.</i>

That the property was removed to ^[6] *the lumber to N. Orleans and believed to have been used for building & repairing barracks* and used for or by ^[7] *The 20th Wisconsin & 19th Iowa regiments* all this on or about the *6th* day of *December*, in the year *1864*.

That ^[8] *a* voucher, receipt, or other writing, *was*, given for the property *to C. E. Dees a few days after the taking and said voucher is believed to be in the hands of one M. J. Dees of N. Orleans*

That your petitioner verily believe that the property described was ^[9] *taken* under the following circumstances, or one or more of such circumstances, viz:

1. For the actual use of the army, and not for the mere gratification of individual officers or soldiers already provided by the Government with such articles as were necessary or proper for them to have.
2. In consequence of the failure of the troops of the United States to receive from the Government in the customary manner, or to have in their possession at the time, the articles and supplies necessary for them, or which they were entitled to receive and have.
3. In consequence of some necessity for the articles taken, or similar articles; which necessity justified the officers or soldiers taking them.
4. For some purpose so necessary, useful, beneficial, or justifiable as to warrant or require the Government to pay for it.
5. Under the order or authority of some officer, or other person connected with the army, whose rank, situation, duties, or other circumstances at the time authorized, empowered, or justified him in taking or receiving it, or ordering it to be taken or received.

That ^[10] *The loyalty can be established by proof of C. E. Dees* the original owner of said claim, and that *The loyalty can be established by proof of Mark A. Dees* the present owner of the same ^[11] *acquired sole interest in claim by being the son and the administrator on the estate of Calvin E. Dees the original owner of claim.*

That your petitioner remained loyally adherent to the cause and the Government of the United States during the war, and *was* so loyal before and at the time of the *taking* of the property for which this claim is made, and he solemnly declare that, from the beginning of hostilities against the United States to the end thereof, *their* sympathies were constantly with the cause of the United States; that *they* never of *their* own free will and accord, did anything, or offered, or sought, or attempted to do anything, by word or deed, to injure said cause or retard its success, and that *they were* at all times ready and willing, when called upon, or if called upon, to aid and assist the cause of the Union, or its supporters, so far as *their* means and power, and the circumstances of the case, permitted.

Note 5. Describe the organization as fully and particularly as possible.

6. State as well as can be done the place to which the property was conveyed.

7. State as fully and minutely as possible, the particular persons or commands using the property, and to what particular uses it was applied or intended to be applied.

8. If any vouchers or written papers were given, attach the originals or copies, or state where the originals are to be found and give the substance of them.

9. "Taken" or "furnished."

10. The loyalty of the owner of the property when taken or furnished, and of all persons having a present beneficial interest in the claim, must be established by proof.

11. If any other persons than the original owner now own or have an interest in the claim, state how such ownership or interest was acquired.

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That said claim has ~~never~~ before been presented to⁽¹²⁾ any branch of the Government

That Chapman & Holmes & Co. in Washington City D. C. are hereby authorized and empowered to act as Attorney for the prosecution of this claim.

Wherefore your petitioner pray for such action of your Honorable Commission in the premises as may be deemed just and proper.

Witnesses:

(13)

W. H. Kelley
F. Seal

Mc A. Dees

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

Mississippi
Jackson

(14)

being duly sworn⁽¹⁵⁾

deposes and says, that he is the the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, and who signed the same; that the matters therein stated are true, of the deponent's own knowledge, except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true; and deponent further says that he did not voluntarily serve in the Confederate army or navy, either as an officer, soldier, or sailor, or in any other capacity, at any time during the late rebellion; that he never voluntarily furnished any stores, supplies, or other material said to said Confederate army or navy, or to the Confederate government, or to any officer, department or adherent of the same in support thereof, and that he never voluntarily accepted or exercised the functions of any office whatsoever under, or yielded voluntary support to, the said Confederate government.

Witnesses:

W. H. Kelley
F. Seal

Mc A. Dees

Sworn and subscribed in my presence, the 20 th day of January 1872

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove loyalty:

W. H. Dodson Post Master at East Pascagoula Miss
Benjamin Humphries Colored - residence in Moss
Point Miss
Neslie Smith Colored running ad fireman on
the New Orleans Mobile & Texas R. Road

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove the other facts alleged in the foregoing petition:

Capt John Robinson Moss Point who was
pilot on one of the U.S. gun boats at the taking of the Lumber
Eugene Castanara Moss Point Miss
Neslie Smith fireman N.O. & T.R.R. Benjamin Humphries Moss Point Miss

Post office address of claimant : East Pascagoula Miss

Post office address of attorney

NOTE 12. If the claim has heretofore been presented to any branch of the Government, state when and where presented, and what action was taken upon it.

13. Claimants sign here.

14. Give the names of all the petitioners.

15. If more than one petitioner, insert the words, "each for himself," and in the next line insert "one of" in the proper blanks.

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Meadowville Miss Dec 24/64
Officer in Command of U.S. for ces
Sir

I beg leave to report to you
in writing a statement of all my property
that I had on hand when your officers
arrived here at this place

Which was as follows

214 000 feet of dressed flooring
1/2 interest in one Colored man
woman and four children
1/3 interest in 20 thousand lbs. of Cotton
95 or 100 sacks of Corn
40 or 50 bbls of Corn in shucks
800 or 1000 lbs of fodder
4 or 5000 lbs of Hay
150 bush of Sweet potatoes
18 sacks of flour
250 lbs of bacon
1 bbl of flour
1 keg of Hards
130 head of hogs
35 or 40 head of Cows
2 horses
2 mules
1 light mule wagon and harness
1 two horse buggy out of repair and harness
1 light buggy out of repair
1 set of blacksmith tools
1 chest of Carpenters tools
farming and garden tools
127 work oxen
4 or waggons and equipments
500 lbs of Wheat bran
8 bee hives
2 1/2 boxes of Chewing tobacco

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The State of Mississippi, Jackson County, Chancery court

E.L. Deas et al vs Anna D. Deas et al Bill for partition

To the Chancery Court of Jackson County

The undersigned commissioners in the above cause appointed by your honorable court beg leave to report in obedience of the decial order herein they have divided and partitioned the lands described in said decrees as form exhibit A marked from 1 to 9 shares. They further designate said shares and lots as per map hereto attached and marked exhibit B. being designated as a map of part if E E. Pascagoula Miss showing lands belonging to the E Deas Estate as surveyed by E.W. Morrell, Oct 7th 1887. As County Survey of of said Jackson County, Miss. Said partitions of said lands were put into a box by said commissioners and drawn by tickets with the names thereon at the old homestead in E. Pascagoula, Miss on the 25th day of May 1888. Witness our hands this the 25th day of May, 1888. Witness our hands this the 4th day of June 1888. J.L. Grant, H.F. Krebs, F.A. Walker, Commissioners

On the back: No 288

E.L. Deas et al
Anna D Deas et al

Report of commissioners

Filed June 5th 1888

W.M. Denny Clr,

Exhibit A

Shares and Allotments of Real Estate of E and Z Deas deceased

Share #1
Lots # 3 and 4 in Sq # 1 allotted to Anna F Deas

Share# 2
Lots 1,2, and 5 in Square # 1 allotted to Emma L. Deas, now McFaul

Share # 3
Lot # in McRae Tract: corner county rd and Front Streets allotted to May I Deas

Share # 4
Lot 1 in Sq # 2 Lots 13 and 14 in sq 9 allotted to Clara M Deas now Chastant

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Share # 5

Lot 3 in sq # 8 . Lots 15 in sq 15 in sq 9 and lots 21.2 and 24 in sq 10 to Emanuel L Deas

Share # 6

Lots # something and 2 in sq # 8 and lot # 12 in sq 9

Share #7

Lot @ 2 in square @ 8 Lots # 18 and 20 in Square #10, allotted to Walter F Deas

Share # 8

Lot #4 in square # 8 and lot 16 in square # 9 and lot # 20 in sq # 10 allotted to H G Deas

Share # 9

Lots # 11 in sq # 9 and Lots 17, 19, and 25 in sq # 10 allotted to R R Deas.

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E.L. Deas et als vs Anna D Deas et al

Comes on to be heard the motion of complaint for a decree pro confesso against Anna D Deas and Emma S. Deas defendants herein and it appearing to the Court that said defendants have had personal service and that they have failed to plead or answer to said course

It is thereupon ordered adjudged and decreed before the Court that the allegations in the bill of complaint be taken for confessed against the said defendants

Done and decreed this the day of September 1887

9S Evans, S Evans signature, Chancellors

On the back No 288

E.S. Deas et al vs Anna D Deas et al

Decree Pro confessor

Filed September 7th, 1887

W.M. Denny Clerk

Case 288 c

Manuel Deas Est

1887 To E W Morell Co Surveyor

For surveying lots in Krebs will

McRea tract East Pascagoula fw

Partition of Estate 5.00 per day for 2 days 10.00

W S Dodson chairman 2 d per 1.00 2.00

John Baptiste 2 d per 1.00 2.00

Ed Mansfield Fly 2 d per 1.00 2.00

16.00

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Continuation 288 (e)

The State of Mississippi, Jackson County Chancery Court, September Term 1887

E.S Deas et als

Vs

Bill for Partition

Anna D. Deas and Emma L Deas

To the Chancery Court of Jackson County.

Your complainants H.G. Deas, E. L. Deas, Clara M. Deas, W.F. Deas and R.R. Deas and Mary I Deas minor who one by their appt friend H.G. Deas and the defendants Anna D Deas and Emma L. Deas all citizens of Jackson County Mississippi respectfully show that Emanuel Deas and Zoe Deas both deceased lately departed this life in said county and state leaving the following described real estate in said county of

Jackson in Sec 14 T 8 R No 6 W and more particularly described as follows that certain log of lands

situated on Pascagoula Bay measuring 62 feet front on the Bay more or less by 250 feet in depth to

commerce street and bounded on the north by commerce street and on the East by lot formerly owned

by Joseph H Beardslee and the South by front road and the west by County road; all that square or tract

of land lying and being in said town of Pascagoula and being at a point forming a corner by Spring Street

and County road and bounded as follows in the North by Marsh or little Bayou and on the East County

road and the south by Spring Street and the west by property of A Chastant, now occupied by him as a

residence, and Lots No 1-2-3-4-and 5 in SQUARE No 1 measuring each 62 feet and 1 inch fronting

Pascagoula Bay by a depth of 240 feet, bounded on the north by Commerce Street on the East by lot no.

6 in same square, on its south by water or Front Street and in the west by Union , Lots No 3 and

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4 in

square No 8 measuring each 75 feet and 10 inches front on County road and running West to intersect

lot no 2 in Square No 8 ; bounded in the North by Lot No 5 on the East by County road on the south by

Commerce Street, and in the West by lot no 2 in same square. Also lot No 2 in square No 8 measuring

60 feet front on Commerce Street by 300 feet to Commerce Street, and bounded on the North by Spring

street, on the East by Lots No 3,4, 5 in same square ; on the South by Commerce Street and on the West

by lot No 1, in same square. And also that certain lot in said town of Pascagoula beginning at the

Southwest corner of Spring Street and the Street running North and South and having a front on Spring

Street of a 100 feet more or less running back to Spring Street 300 Feet more or less, and bounded on

the North by Spring Street, on the East by property of --(left blank)--on the South by Commerce Street

and on the West by the Street above mentioned . And one vacant Lot fronting on Pascagoula Bay

known as Lot No 1 in Square No 2 having a front of 60 feet more or less On Pascagoula Bay running back

to Commerce Street, and bounded on the North by Commerce Street and East by Lot 2a in Square 2 on

the South by Pascagoula Bay and its west by a street --(left blank)---- . Also about fifteen head of cattle

now in said Jackson County was left by said precedents.

And that the complainants and the defendants herein with one A. K Deas are the sole and only

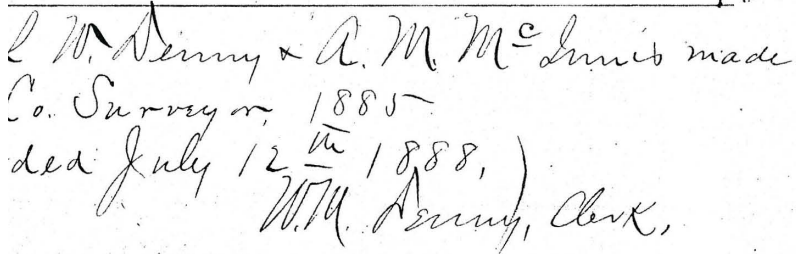
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heirs at law of the said Emanuel Deas and Zoe Deas deceased, and that in the day 7 of 1887 the said A. K. Deas sold and conveyed to H.G. Deas all his right title and interest the above described lands as evidenced by a deed recorded in Book 8 page Record of Deeds of said Jackson County Mississippi which is here especially referred to and made a part of this bill of complaint.

Complainants further state that they and the defendants herein are each entitled to a one ninth $9(1/9^{\text{th}})$ interest in said lands and personal property above set forth and described except the said H.G. Deas who is entitled to two ninth interest in said lands and personal property.

They further state and charge that said lands can be equally divided among complainants and defendants. Complainant state that the said R. R. Deas and Mary I Deas are minors of the ages of nineteen and sixteen years respectively, and that they have no legal guardian and they sue By their next of kin and friend H.G. Deas who is their brother. Complainants further state that said lands are of no great value.

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Attended Beach School
from 1928 until 1932
What was "Consolidated"

THE BEGINNING OF THE CLAIM SECTIONS

During the turbulent period after the Pascagoula area was granted to Madame de Chaumont, the British moved in and seized the area, setting aside and disregarding the earlier French Grants. The British, however, were not destined to hold the area very long. For two decades later, in 1781, the Spanish ousted the British and disregarded land claims of either the British or the French. Because of the help given by the French to the colonists during the War of Independence, close ties of friendship emerged between the United States and France. One result of this friendship was that the United States later acknowledged and authenticated many of the earlier French land grants.

Interesting features of the land grants or claim sections are that they follow no particular pattern, are completely at odds with a regular governmental section (640 acres square), yet are the controlling legal designation today by virtue of Mississippi Supreme Court decisions. The plat of claims which cover what was Pascagoula adequately demonstrates the point (See sketch, page 13). If you will note Claim Section 7, the claim of Rene' Krebs, you will see its pattern is that of stair steps. It is said that he first selected the largest tract, then became more ambitious and on two subsequent occasions added the two northerly portions. In any event, the early settlers merely staked out their claims, swore they were occupying and using the land, and thereby became the owners. (32) The following claims touch the Pascagoula Bay front and cover the area involved in our story.

Claim #6 (Helaire Krebs)
Claim #8 (Antonio Krebs)
Claim #10 (Augustine Krebs)
Claim #11 (Francisco Krebs) (27)

The following stories tell about the
Union Church property and the adjoining la
located in Claim Section #8 (Antonio Krebs

- . . . The Old McRae Hotel
- . . . Cottage-By-The-Sea
- . . . Dodson House
- . . . Union Church (Women's Club Cent
- . . . Anola Club
- . . . Beach School
- . . . O'Connell Home
- . . . Zachary Taylor's residence (the
L. E. Cox home)

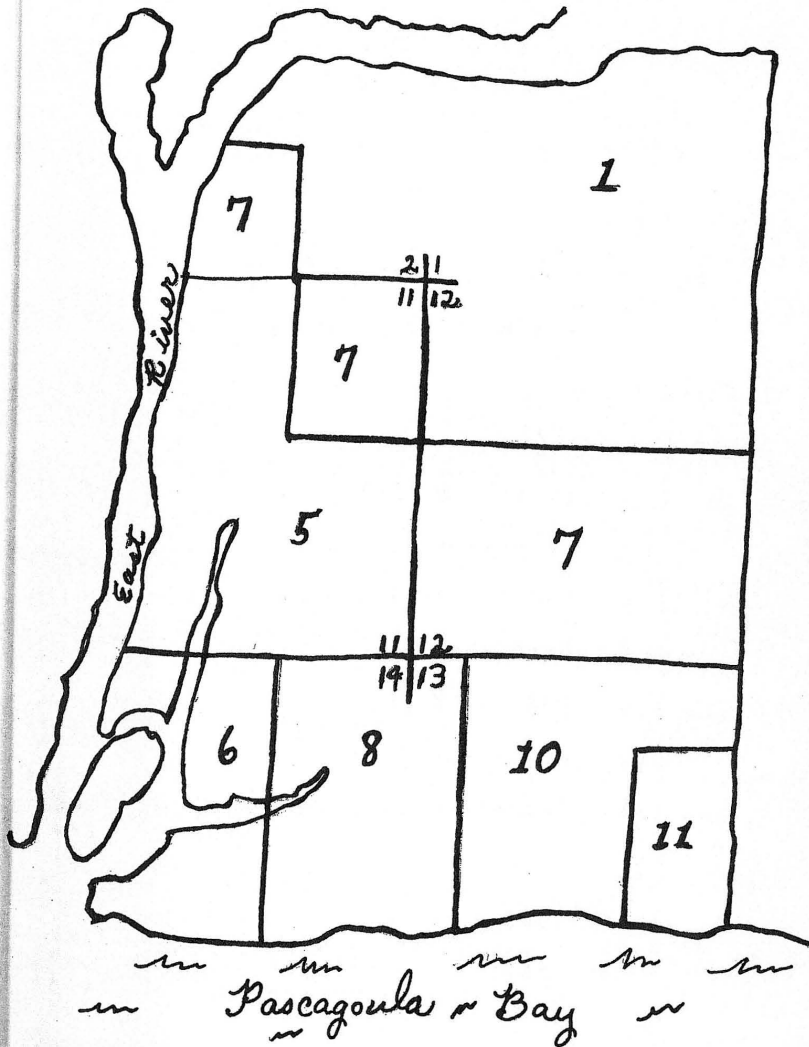


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CLAIM SECTIONS OF PASCAGOULA

1. Mary L. Dupont
5. Valentine Delmas
6. Kelaire Krebs
7. Rene' Krebs
8. Antonio Krebs
10. Augustine Krebs
11. Franscisco Krebs

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Chapter Two:

. . . ANTONIO KREBS CLAIM SECTION #8

Many years after Mississippi became a state (1817), the Federal Government recognized and authenticated the French Land Grant of this area to Antonio Krebs on April 23, 1847, under the Federal Act of May 8, 1822, which authenticated and approved the earlier French and Spanish Land Grants and which thereafter were designated as "Claim Sections". The original Claim Section of Antonio Krebs was bounded on the

- . . . north by Ingalls Avenue
- . . . west by Pascagoula Street
- . . . east by Baptiste Bayou, just west of 11th Street
- . . . south by the Pascagoula Bay.

Upon the death of Antonio Krebs, the property was inherited by his niece, Eugenia Baptiste.
(27)

The Antonio Krebs Claim Section was destined to see an exciting era stretching from the late 1820's to the late 1850's and beyond. The beginnings of this era are found in the . . .

OLD McRAE HOTEL



The exciting era was due in part to the most famous resort hotel being built in this area. Fronting on the beach and located between what is now Pascagoula Street and Buena Vista Street was the impressive McRae Hotel. (A smaller hotel by the same name and built by the same owner was located in West Pascagoula, now known as Gautier.) Sometime between 1830 and 1860 this palatial structure made the Pascagoula area burst into a mecca for well-to-do tourists who strolled in the balmy Gulf Breezes and partook of fine cuisine. (The gentlemen also partook of the poker games which were available daily.) There are varying reports as to the size of the hotel, but from all accounts it consisted of 250 to 300 rooms with several cottages on the grounds. One such cottage was destined to become famous in its own right as the Cottage-By-The-Sea.

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The owner of the property, John McRae, an enterprising business man who came from North Carolina to Jackson County in 1826, left the land to his four sons--Malcolm, Colin J., John J., and James B. It was destined for Malcolm, the oldest son, to bring the property to its fullest use, for it was he who developed the hotels, one in Pascagoula and one in Gautier (the latter one was managed by Elizabeth McRae, the mother).
(1)

Extending from the McRae Hotel waterfront was a long pier, 1500 or more feet (extending into deeper water) and wide enough for two carriages to pass. Horse-drawn carriages were used between the hotel and sea end of the pier. These carried the passengers and cargo

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which arrived by sail or steam-powered excursion vessels (packets) from New Orleans. The pier was also used for loading supplies for delivery by "lighters", a barge-type sailboat, to large schooners anchored in "middle fleet" near Horn Island. (32)

The hotel turned out to be short-lived for it was destroyed by fire in the early 1860's. Its owner, Malcolm McRae, did not attempt to rebuild the hotel.

But for the unique personalities of the McRae family, Pascagoula would have missed its place in early history. The father, John McRae was a man of immense energy, personal charm, and imagination. His drive and ability were inherited by his sons, three of whom served in public office. In 1854, John J. McRae, Jr., became the 15th Governor of Mississippi. He served a full four year term at a crucial time when the economic forces, which produced the Civil War, were driving the state's leadership into an adamant position from which, ultimately, it could not retreat. (32) Colin J. became a Confederate Congressman; and the youngest brother, James B., a Colonel in the Confederate Army. (1)

The hotel in Pascagoula was of such grandeur as to host the famous Mexican War General and later U. S. President, Zachary Taylor. It was the scene of one of his pre-inauguration balls.

John J. McRae, Jr., died in 1835; and is buried along with his youngest son, James B. McRae in Gautier. John J. and Colin J. died in British Honduras and are buried there. (1)

The McRae Tract was a large piece of land, stretching from the bay, north to La Street (now Ingalls Avenue), bounded on the west by Pascagoula Street, and extending east to within 185 feet of Buena Vista Street (13)

During the McRae ownership, a map of the tract was used for deeding the property to various persons; however, the Courthouse of 1875 destroyed the map and produced great confusion as to property lines. Present-day records are still prominent with reference to the bygone era of the McRae Hotel Tract

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(The voice paused and while I wanted to hear more, I knew nothing more remained to be said about the once glorious McRae Hotel. I, too, paused . . . and let the spirit "jog its memory" in hopes that another story was forthcoming--and--I wasn't disappointed.)

"I mentioned," the voice began, "that one of the cottages was destined to become famous in its own right." And without further hesitation we were off and running again with the story of . . .

THE COTTAGE-BY-THE-SEA

This establishment, called by many "the ideal summer resort" while others simply knew it as "the hotel" or "the cottage", was much easier to recall since it was famous during the last part of the 19th Century. It was in the 1880's when the well-known

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proprietor, Charlie Boster, opened for business and early records read like storybook ads vying for the tourist trade. Take, for example, this description taken from an 1895 writing of Along the Gulf.

"This hotel is in the town of Pascagoula on Front Street, immediately facing the Bay of Pascagoula (within 40 feet of the water), giving a fine view of the islands, shipping, etc., and receiving in full during the summer months the cool balmy breezes from the Gulf of Mexico. It's owner, Charles Boster, is a well-known hotel man in the south. There are several buildings connected with the main cottage and all accommodations are nicely fitted for guests. The large, airy rooms have wide verandas which will withstand the cool winter winds. The dining room is one of the best appointed and coolest on the Gulf Coast. The table is par excellent the attraction of the hotel. The best the markets, surrounding country, and waters of the Bay can furnish are supplied to the guests with a lavish hand. This, combined with the efficient service maintained in every department, makes it one of the most popular resorts on the Gulf Coast." (2)

The Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi (14) has recorded that this resort accommodated 60 to 70 guests. It was lighted throughout by gas and had a fine wharf extending out into the bay with a roomy fishing pier at the end. Bath houses were attached on each side, and the finest salt water bathing to be found on the coast could be enjoyed the whole summer. The hotel was connected by telephone with all parts of Pascagoula, Moss Point, and Scranton.

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(Suddenly, the tone of the voice changed. I looked up and stopped writing-- then--it continued . . .)

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"One feature of the cottage complex which I shall tell but which I claim no part is Mr. Boster's dabbling with" . . . (and the voice hushed) . . . "the spirits! Now mind you, not the type of spirit I claim to be, but the 'bottled variety'. You know the kind! Now I'm no gossip, but I've been told that the saloon was the finest place of its kind between New Orleans and Mobile. It had a polished hardwood bar behind which were mirrors of various sizes. The floor was carpeted and showcases around the walls exhibited all sorts of souvenirs collected by Mr. Boster on his many travels in the Gulf of Mexico and Carribean Sea. Other curiosities had been presented him by seafaring friends who stopped at the "Cottage Complex" while in the Pascagoula port for an overnight visit. (15)

Curiously I interrupted, "Tell me about Charlie Boster. He seems to have been quite a fellow."

"Well," the voice relaxed, "he was--he was. A native of Germany, born in 1828, he came to the United States when he was 17 and served in the United States Navy during the Mexican War on board the Frigate Cumberland. At the close of the war and his term of service, he shipped out of New York on a whaling voyage, which lasted three years and which took him around the world. During this time he had many thrilling adventures and suffered many hardships, but acquired

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invaluable knowledge about many countries. On his return, he took up residence in New Orleans and engaged in the mercantile and steamboat business. In the 1850's he was proprietor of the bar on the steamer "Creole", one of the passenger boats going from New Orleans to different watering places on the Gulf Coast. After the Civil War he tried various places until he settled in Pascagoula in 1878. We are told he attained an enviable reputation in the community, by his public spirit and fair dealing with his neighbors and guests, by his genial disposition, and his close attention to their wants and comfort. Being a civic-minded citizen, he was a member of the Pascagoula Board of Health and a Mason. (15)

The "Cottage-By-The-Sea" can still be seen today at 1205 Beach Boulevard, although its original second story was removed some years ago. Several owners have called the Cottage "home" since Charlie Boster's time. Today, its owners are the T. B. Fairleighs who purchased it from Mrs. Lillian Green in 1957. (13)

Several doors east of the "Cottage" and adjoining Square 1 of the McRae Hotel Tract is the present day residence of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Megehee at 1305 Beach Boulevard. This property was the original site of the . . .

WILLIAM S. DODSON HOME

. . . whose great-grandsons are Charles and Henry Torjusen, who live in this area.

During the mid-1800's, the William Dodsons owned various parcels of land in the Antonio Krebs tract (one of which is now the Woman's Club property). Carl Megehee has given us this history of his home property at 1305 Beach Boulevard:



On May 2, 1851, Eugenia Baptiste and husband, Jacob Baptiste, conveyed the property to William S. Dodson. The original records of the Courthouse were burned three times in fires of 1862, 1866, and 1875; and this Deed has been re-recorded in Deed Book Page 122, Land Deed Records of Jackson County Mississippi. The original Dodson homestead lot ran from the Beach to Washington Avenue and included the land that during the 1930's and 1940's was in the "Rose Garden" of Captain H. H. Colle and the north part is now the home place of Mrs. Ollie Colle. William S. Dodson built a large two-story wood frame house with porches across the front, and operated what was known as Dodson House Hotel which began operation before the Civil War and operated until the late 1800's. Mr. Dodson was the great-grandfather of Charles and Henry Torjusen. Just west of the fence of this property was the property of the large hotel, known as the Pascagoula Hotel, or the McRae Hotel. Just east of this property on Buena Vista Street in the front yard of the present Dr. Enger home, was the post office for the town of East Pascagoula.

Mr. Dodson sold the property in 1890, and in April, 1900, it was purchased by F. H. Lewis, who conveyed part of said land at tin to E. J. Jane and Joseph A. Tabor, and F. H. Lewis later re-acquired all the property in January, 1920. Mr. Lewis had three small houses as camp-sites among the trees on this property, and one of the camps had the roof



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THE DODSON'S HOUSE
. . . . was situated on what is now Beach
Boulevard where the Carl Megehee house
is now. This old hotel was owned by
William S. Dodson during the Civil War.
He was the great grandfather of Charles
and Henry Torjusen. The original nega-
tive was owned by Mrs. Bertha Torjusen.

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built around a magnolia tree. The camps are now gone, but the trees remain.

While F. H. Lewis owned the property during the middle 1920's, William Faulkner spent a summer at one of the camps as a guest of Mrs. Myrtle Lewis Stone's family. It was while he was here in Pascagoula, he wrote the book Mosquitos. The fact that William Faulkner, the Nobel Prize Winner, stayed at this location is printed in the Biography of William Faulkner, written by Joseph Blotner, and in the book there is a picture of William Faulkner sitting by an oak tree in the front yard of the property with Rosebud Stone Leatherbury in his lap, when she was about two years old.

In the early 1930's, the property was sold to A. L. Staples, who sold it to Captain H. H. Colle in 1938. Captain Colle tore down the cottages and landscaped the yard and made it into a flower garden. After the death of Captain Colle, his widow, Mrs. Ollie Colle, conveyed the property to Carl A. Megehee in October, 1961. The present house was constructed on the property in 1964. (27)

As the old saying goes, "Time changes many things" and certainly property becomes an object of change both in ownership and appearance.

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"Since the Woman's Club Center property was originally a part of Lot 1, Square 3, of the McRae Hotel Tract, how did this 40 feet by 100 feet lot come into the possession of the Woman's Club Center?" I asked.

"That," the voice said, "is a title researcher's nightmare." (Remembering again the Courthouse fire of 1875 which destroyed the records.) "You must keep in mind that my original purpose was religious in nature and that there have been not ONE, but TWO church lots. The first lot 100 feet by 100 feet was on the south corner, adjacent to the present 40 feet by 100 feet lot. But to tell my history, one has to know the history of both lots, or the south 140 feet of Lot 1, Square 3, McRae Tract, and the beginning of . . . "

THE UNION CHURCH LOTS

On July 28, 1954, Elizabeth McRae conveyed land including this property to Ursin Raby, whose heirs conveyed Lot 1 and other property to Jermina Dodson in 1867 for the sum of \$260.00. (This seemed an unusual conveyance to a married woman 100 or more years before "women's lib".) This land involving the first church lot (south 100 feet by 100 feet) was deeded by the Dodsons to the Trustees of the Union Church, John W. O. Ferrill, B. R. Chambliss, and William Welch on March 25, 1868. This is the first time that a benevolent purpose is impressed upon this property, and the deed reads as follows:



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"We, WILLIAM S. DODSON, and wife,
JEMINA DODSON, being disirous of
erecting a church for the purpose
of divine worship in the town of
East Pascagoula and for future
consideration of \$1.00 to the said
JEMINA paid by the trustees here-
after named, do grant and bargain
the following lot or parcel of land
in East Pascagoula:

100 feet off the south end
of Lot #1, Square #3, front-
ing 100 feet upon a County
Road* and running east 95
feet on Jackson Street*;
thence 100 feet north, 95
feet west to the County
Road.

In trust with the following conditions:

(1) Within reasonable time cause
to be erected upon described premises
a suitable building for religious
worship.

(2) Building is equally open to
all white preachers of the Protestant
faith of whatever denomination and
shall be under the exclusive control
of none.

(3) If the church is not built
or ceases to be a church, the property
reverts to the donor." (13)

* County Road - Pascagoula Street

* Jackson Street - Washington Avenue



2 Dodson

From the records it seems that the
church was not built, and the land did revert
to the donor. But the Dodsons were deter-
mined that a house of worship would be built



on this same piece of land because on August 26, 1881, the Dodson family gave a deed to another Board of Trustees of the Union Church, Benjamin F. Lindsey, Robert B. Grant, and Jens Nielson, who must have carried out the wishes of the Dodson family and built the Union Church, because the records show that on October 2, 1893, a hurricane destroyed the Union Church Building. (These same records also show that the first building was constructed about March of 1875.)
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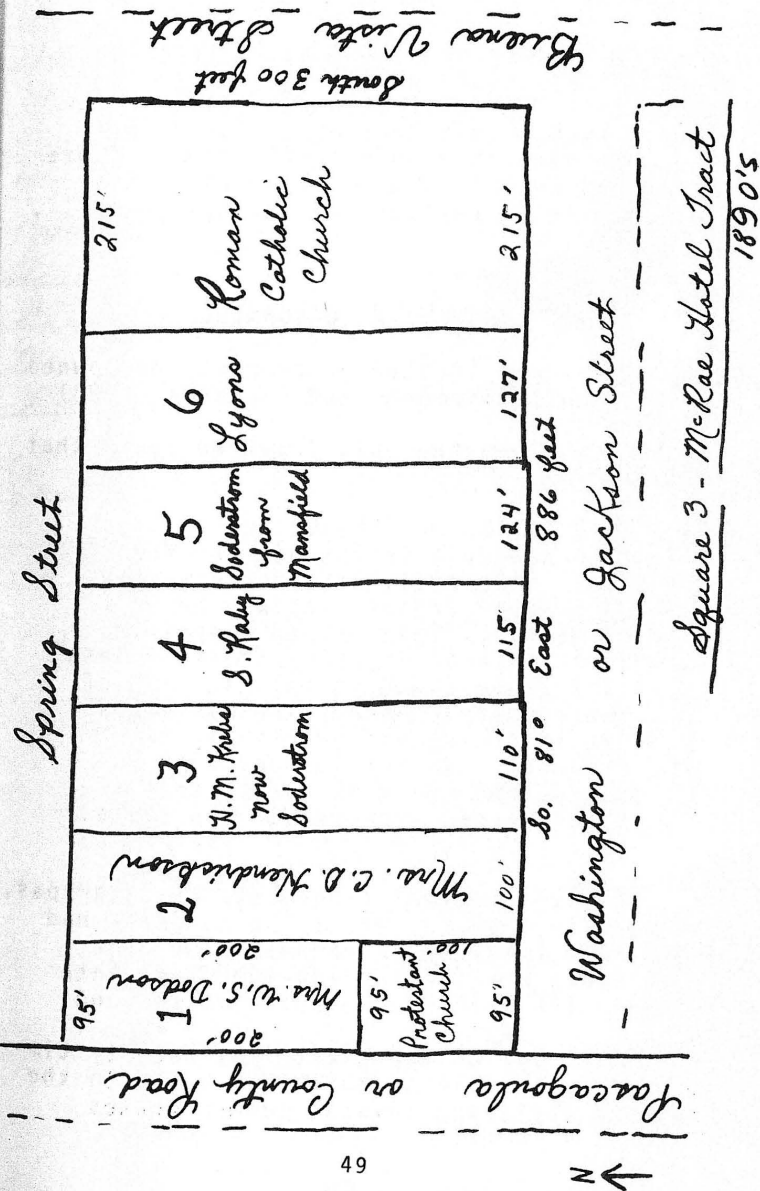
Thus ended the use of the south 100 foot as a church lot and after this the chain of title to this piece of property is a completely different record.

In the meantime Edmond Torjusen, a native of Norway, came to this country and married Lula P. Jordan, granddaughter of William S. and Jemina Dodson. Lula's mother was the Dodsons only daughter, Mary Sophia Dodson Jordan. J. W. H. Jordan died only two years after he married Sophia, and she later married C. D. Hendrickson. Hence, most of the records do not show the name "Jordon" but rather Mary Sophia "Hendrickson."

Lula Jordan Torjusen and Edmond Torjusen lived in East Pascagoula on property acquired by them from the family. Lula died and Edmond remained in Pascagoula until 1898 when he returned to Norway in 1901 and the two boys eventually returned to the United States. Edgar and his wife, Ida, had one son, Edmond, who was killed during World War II. Charles Tobias married Bertha Fitzenriter and their two sons, Charles and Henry, are Pascagoula residents.

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It is just one short block from the Beach School, south on Buena Vista to the beach front. A few feet east, still in the Antonio Krebs Claim Section is found the site of a home no longer in existence. More modern and beautiful homes have taken its place, but in an earlier era the home of . . .

MRS. L. W. O'CONNELL

. . . was located on property now owned by the Bacots, Simmons, and Lockards. (23)

From Along the Gulf Coast we learn that in 1891:

"One of the most beautiful estates in Pascagoula is the home of Mrs. L. W. O'Connell, situated directly on the waterfront, facing the Gulf of Mexico. This estate comprises, in all, about 40 acres of the finest land to be found in this section of the country. Giant live oak trees are scattered all over the estate throwing a grateful shade over the place, and there is one of the finest pecan orchards in the State."
(2)

Fruit trees were abundant--figs, grapes, pomegranites, pears, etc. The homesite had a 350 foot front on Pascagoula Bay. The front had a wharf extending 1000 feet into the Bay with bath houses built at the end.

The back of the estate was heavily timbered. Several large buildings built in the Southern style and several summer houses

built amid the huge moss-hung live oak trees were scattered throughout the estate.

"In short, this is one of the most beautiful spots to be found on the entire Gulf Coast and can be bought very low, owing to the advancing years and continued ill-health of Mrs. O'Connell, the owner." (2)

We do not know how long the home was in existence, but the home was purchased by Dr. W. R. Kell; and according to Arthur Smith, was one of the sites considered for the "new" Beach Park.

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Perhaps one of the most well-known and prominent figures who visited and lived for a short time in the Antonio Krebs Claim Section was none other than the 12th President of the United States and his wife . . .

PRESIDENT AND MRS. ZACHARY TAYLOR

The story begins in 1847, immediately at the close of the Mexican War, when the then General Zachary Taylor and Mrs. Taylor came to Pascagoula. (The Taylors knew this area, since they had previously vacationed here at the old McRae Hotel from their plantation home near Baton Rouge.)

The Taylors spent several summers and an undetermined length of time at a home on the beach (located west of a bayou and 11th Street--near the Dantzler property). Rumors

are that General Taylor also purchased or leased a 40 acre tract of land behind the present city park.

An interesting story found in the writings of historian Walter Lewis is that General Taylor built Pascagoula's first housing project, which ran from the beach north to Lincoln Avenue (now Ingalls). He named the streets in this project after battles he fought in the Mexican War--Buena Vista, Resca de la Palma, Cherubusco, and other names which still exist today. (17) Fiction, or fact, it is a good story!

Another story is that General Taylor dismissed the remnant of his "Mississippi Rifles", the army he commanded during the Mexican War, somewhere along the beachfront and paid the men off in gold worth \$10,000. Accordingly, it is told that folks living here at that time never saw so much gold as was in circulation then! (10) (39)

The "Taylor beachfront home" no longer exists. It was a two-story frame structure built long before the War Between the States by a Mr. McClatten whose wife taught a private school in the house. The architecture of the front was changed when the high steps leading to either side of the porch were damaged so extensively from the tropical storms that they had to be removed. It is also said that Federal soldiers took refuge in the house during the war. (10)

Some folks say that Margaret Smith Taylor died at the Pascagoula beachfront home. Others say she died at the Taylor plantation in 1852, near Baton Rouge.

Knox Taylor, second born of the six Taylor children, married Jefferson Davis in 1835. However, their marriage was short-lived for Knox died three months later. (4)

One of the last occupants of the home was the L. E. Cox family. Mr. Cox, an energetic leader and businessman in Scranton and East Pascagoula, bought the home from the Volney Brown family about 1900.

During the time the Cox family lived in the house, it was the subject of an unusual episode. Fannie Louise Cox Voitier relates this story about her sister:

"On the day in question (1916), a water spout from the bay came ashore right in the path of the Cox home. Audrey Cox, then an infant of two, was crawling on a living room rug runner. The waterspout forced open the front doors, took the baby and rolled her in the rug and tossed her against an antique mirrored hatrack. The hatrack turned over on the child and protected her from further harm. The family was frantic until they discovered the child unharmed, rolled in the rug. Audrey became Mrs. Douglas Nichols and lived in Mobile until her death in 1974." (38)

Fannie Louise Cox Voitier (Mrs. George) lives in Pascagoula and gave us the picture from which our sketch of the "Taylor home" is taken.

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*I have
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(self explanatory
additions & correction
to Harry's article)*

Dear Mrs. Rodgers:

Dorothy and Frank Youd {brother and sister-in-law of Ann Fisher who wrote you a letter concerning the recent Dees article in your quarterly publication} were kind enough to send me a copy of the article printed in your December 1996 quarterly concerning the Dees Family Cemetery and history of the family. I have ancestors on this line, and it has been great to fill in ^{from} and compare information to what Harry McDonald provided in this. I found much of it very interesting and greatly appreciate all his work and all I've been able to add. I am writing to you to offer a bit of additional data on this family {just filling in a couple of holes}, to offer some information I have which seems to strongly conflict, and also to address what seems to me to be some erroneous information in this article. On some of this conflicting information, I would appreciate being able to compare and weigh sources with McDonald's, to determine the more likely validities, if that is possible.

I am sending you a descending chart, beginning with Emanuel Dees, Dempsey Dees' great grandfather. I am sending you this simplified chart, without text or other events, as the information I have compiled is fairly extensive. I will instead list out what I think are especially pertinent bits of information relating to this article. Most of my sources are secondary {books, etc.}, some are tertiary, a few are primary. I will enclose a listing where I've highlighted sources used in finding Dees information for the generations listed on the descending chart. Unfortunately, with the simple descendant format, these can't be source-noted to each specific event. I would have to send you a bundle to provide that {from what I understand of the computer program}.

From the December 1996 article entitled "Restoration of the Dees Family Cemetery" by Harry McDonald and Troop 220, page 40, in your publication:

I have, from several sources, that Dempsey's parents were Jacob Dees and Ferrabee Reynolds {rather than Benjamin as is stated in the article}, that Jacob's father was William, and that William's father was Emanuel. I am curious what sources Mr. McDonald used to determine Benjamin as Dempsey's father, as it has seem fairly well established, though from secondary sources, that Dempsey's father was Jacob. Additionally, I have Dempsey's birth as ca 1764 in Johnston Co., N.C., which conflicts with information in Mr. McDonald's research {ca 1774 in Sumpter County, N.C.}. I have them in the Carolinas as well, but tracing to Emanuel brings them back past that to Virginia. If there is anything I've been learning in this family history business, however,

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it is that I cannot be sure of connections without primary sources. It is also possible there are two Dempseys, as given names seem to recur in this family a great deal, often even within the same generation.

Concerning Dempsey's son, Mark Dees: I have him as born in S.C. rather than N.C. I have him on the Conecuh County Census in 1820, rather than relocating to that place in 1835. I have his wife's, Jane Pippins', birthdate as 10 May 1801 in either GA or N.C. Her father Asa Pippins, died between 1850 and 1856. I have seen no previous evidence of Mark Dees having the middle initial "A.", though his grandson and great grandson were both named Mark Ashley Dees.

Concerning Calvin Elias Dees: I have him born in Alabama, perhaps Mobile, by all accounts {rather than Edgefield, S.C.}. I have seen a number of printed sources which agree with McDonald's research on the marriage event for he and Mary Charlotte Tippins being 24 October 1838, with a likely place of Alabama. I have located a marriage certificate for "Calvin Dees and M.E. Tippins" from Escambia County, Florida dated 20 October 1838.

Page 41 of the Dees Cemetery Article, December 1996:

Elizabeth Ann Dees' son, William C. Easterling, has been given a birth date of 1965 in error; it should be 1865. Jane Tippin Dees' son, Earl Dees Fort, has been given a death date of 1970; it should be 1870.

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"5-3. Nancy Marie Dees" is the same person as "5-11 Nanee M. Dees" who is on page 45. I believe the earlier birthdate of 2 November 1842 to be correct. She married twice: first, Henry P. Foard and, secondly, James S. Romaine. Under the section on Archibald Dees, his mother was Mary Charlotte Tippens {rather than Pippins, Mark Dees' wife was named Jane Pippins}. It is correctly stated earlier, on page 40, that Mary Charlotte Tippens was married to Calvin Elias Dees, parents of Archibald.

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"6-10. Calvin Elias Dees" I have this child named Calvin Eugene Dees.

"5-5. Calvin Lemuel Dees" should be Lemuel Calvin Dees. This is my gr.gr.grandfather. It has been erroneously published that his date of death was 12 December 1919. He died 28 December 1919 in Lake Charles, LA. His daughter, Mary Isabella Dees, was given an erroneous birth date of 2 November 1972; this should be 11 February 1872. She was known as "Mamie" and she married Dennis Melville Foster who was postmaster among other things in Lake Charles. Dennis' parents were Major Brevet Dennis Milliken Foster and Martha Belle Shattuck. Lemuel Dees' son Abbot Leroy Dees is given an erroneous birth year of 1973; this should be 1873.

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Mark A. Dees is Mark Ashley Dees from all I've seen; I have seen no evidence anywhere of his names being either Marcus or Aurelius - perhaps these could have been nicknames if they were used together. He was born 26 or 27 August 1846 in Conecuh, AL. He married Annie Starkey Hill in 1870 at Moss Point, MS. The additional children McDonald referred to with unknown names were: Thomas Moore Dees {24 January 1873-15 November 1934}; Adell Rand Dees {7 May 1877-28 December 1960}; and Lorraine Dees {b. 29 September 1894}.

Mary Francis Dees' son, Hiram Dees Cudabac, was a sheriff. Listed among the Cudabac children here is a Cora Cudabac - could this be the same person as one I have listed as Flora Cudabac? I have a match already on the Dora Cudabac mentioned. Additional children to Mary Francis Dees and Hiram McNeil Cudabac, other than those listed in the article, are: Hidee; Elver; Mat; Elton; and one unknown child born about 1870 who may be a separate individual or may be one of the children already named.

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"6-33 Hattie Eloise Dees" was given a birth year of 1878; her husband Allen Dewey Spooner was given a birth year of 1898. I have a birthdate for him of 18 March 1872, which seems more likely.

"5-12. Elly Dees." His middle name was Hawthorne. It is stated in McDonald's article he did not marry. He did marry. He married Charlotte Mayo on 2 March 1887. They had a daughter named Laura Charlotte Dees {b.1888} who never married and a son named Elly Hawthorne Dees who was born and died as an infant in 1895. Elly, husband of Charlotte, died 3 January 1896 {rather than 1894}.

I hope this is helpful. I gleaned a lot of great information out of Mr. McDonald's article to add to what I have. Also, I greatly appreciate Troop 220's hard work in "clearing, ~~cleaning~~ and restoring" the Dees Family Cemetery. It warms my heart, and I hope they enjoyed the project.

I hope this is helpful in some way. Thanks again for an interesting and useful article.

Best wishes,



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The above names were from Census records. During my research, I have run across various name spellings. DEES, DEESE, DACE, DEAS, DEASE, and have found some of the different spellings to be in fact DEASE relatives.

28 Dec 1988

Dear Mrs Edwards:

Worry that I did not get this answered earlier, but with Christmas, plus our trip to Apache Junction, Arizona, time has slipped by. All of the DEASES; liarws are my relatives with the exception of Joseph. Their information is correct as far as I have been able to determine through research.

,Hope that this assists you on your work. I have seiveral of the books published by you and Jean strictland, but none oflthe "Who married Whom".

" sincerely


James O. Dease
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Moreno Valley, CA 92387

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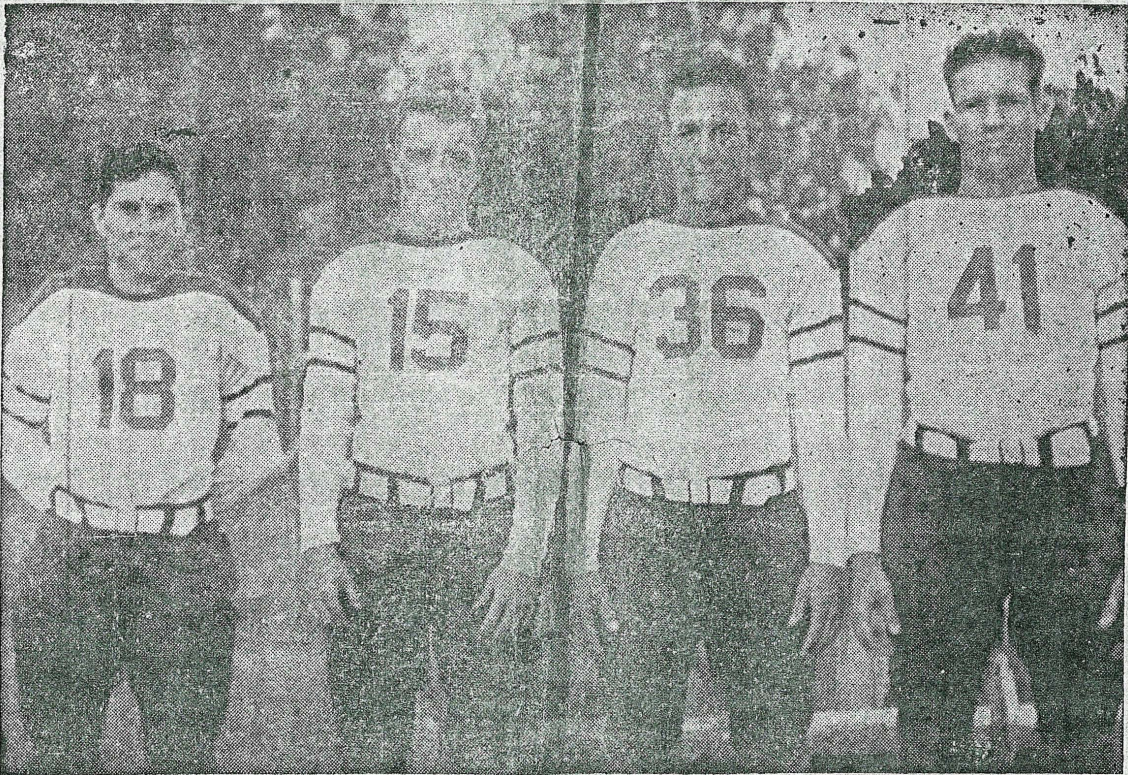
ST LADY TO SPONSOR OLE MISS 'REBELS'

Hugh White Has Consented to Sponsor Ole Miss Football Team In Contest Saturday

UNIVERSITY, Miss., Sept. 25.—In response to a telegram from Governor A. B. Butts, Mrs. Hugh White has consented to act as sponsor of the University of Mississippi football team when it clashes with Tulane in New Orleans Saturday, September 26.

Accompanying the first lady of the state will be eleven wives of members of the governor's staff, who also will be sponsors.

Big Job Rests On Their Shoulders



Trained in the magic art of "Razzle-Dazzle" the quartette of backs lined up in "stair steps" have a heavy responsibility resting on their husky shoulders this year. They replace a veteran backfield which wrote football history on the Mississippi Coast for the past three years. The backs are hard blockers, fast ball carriers and in the first game of the season gave an indication that they have picked up the magic of last year's team. The Panthers have eleven more games left on their 1936 schedule.

From left to right, Jimmy Ryan (18) halfback; Louis Davis (15) quarterback; Joe Krebs (36) halfback; and Wilbur Dees (41) fullback.

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Pascagoula American Legion held its first fall meeting September 23, at the Community House.

Being the beginning of a new work, standing committees pointed to take care of the phases of the work. Plans made for the entertainment of the Coast County Council, held here on September 29, the legion being the host unit for the evening.

The business meeting and an instrumental contest was conducted by the president, Mrs. T. L. September being music month type of contest being appropriate for the occasion. Mrs. Snyder won the prize in this contest by painting a vase.

Panthers Ready To Defend Championship

The Central Pascagoula Association cleared the school band in the tickets for the contest only a month before made. The drive leadership of Mrs. president of the and Mrs. W. R. of the association, by many loyal members.

At the conclusion of the Panther game, Mr. band instructor, S. ter, of the Pascagoula Sol J. Ingram gathered around the field. A few brief words were made by Mr. Downing, who thanked the people for having them.

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Jackson County

Dees loves his horses, but yearns for Wild West

VANCLEAVE

Clifton Malachi "Kipp" Dees, patriarch of Vancleave's longtime leading mercantile family, says he has decided to head out West, but he doesn't know what to do with his three horses he's raising on his Mustang Ranch.

"I've always wanted to live out West," said Dees who has lived here all of his 76 years. "I have friends in South Dakota and Wyoming and I want to go see them."

His Wild West interest has been fueled by his recent move to help save the wild horses that are threatened out West. Last year, he "adopted" two mustangs through the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program. His new stud, "Boy," and mare, "Sassy," now have a colt, "Prissy," and another little mustang on the way.

"They are endangered out West because of drought and competition for grass from cattle, sheep and goats. The ranchers



by Gary
Holland
The Sun
Herald



Kipp Dees feeds two of his three mustangs at his Vancleave home. He bought two mustangs through the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program.

Dees celebrate 50 years together

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Dees of Pascagoula were honored Jan. 18, 1992, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at their home.

The couple was married Jan. 16, 1942, when Mr. Dees took as his bride the former Camellia Irene Brettel of Pascagoula at the home of his parents with the Rev. P.E. Green officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Dees have resided in Pascagoula for the past 45 years where they have raised their family. They have been active supporters of the community and school system. Mr. Dees was school board president for many years and his wife served as PTA president through the school years of her six children.

Mr. Dees attended school here and was graduated from Perkinston Junior College. He retired from Ingalls Shipbuilding after 43 years of service. He now devotes his leisure time to his farm in Grand Bay where he grows fresh vegetables for his family.

Mrs. Dees was born and raised in Pascagoula. She retired from 19 years of service with the Pascagoula School System. She is still active as head of the women's ministry at True Word Ministries where she has been able to lead the women in raising funds for missions at home and out of the country.

Hosting the ceremony were the couple's children Gay Walker of Gulfport; Diane Capps of Pascagoula, Lou Ellen Hoffman of Shubuta, Miss., Martha Kibby of Pascagoula, Donny Dees of Pascagoula, and Lois Smedley of Clermont, Fla.

The couple also has 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their were four generations present at the celebration.

Mrs. Dees wore a double breasted, two-piece forest green dress with pearls given to her by Mr. Dees. Mr. Dees wore a two-piece grey silk suit. The couple wore matching corsages made of white silk roses with gold leaves.

The table was decorated with gold magnolias on a peach cloth overlaid with a handmade crochet tablecloth. Crystal plates, cups, punch bowl, and candleholder with gold candles also adorned the table.



Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Dees

Refreshments included punch, tea, sandwiches, nuts and mints. The cake was a three-tiered pineapple butter cake decorated with gold leaves and topped with two doves and rings.

The home was decorated with fresh flower arrangements and gold silk magnolias. The couple toasted each other with crystal wine goblets from their wedding.

Donny Dees, Gay Walker, Lou Hoffman and Lois Smedley, all children of the couple, greeted guests at the door. Martha Kibby, the couple's daughter, served punch; and Kathy Dees, daughter-in-law, served coffee.

To commemorate the occasion, guests were presented a special printed 50th bookmark. A special memorabilia table was prepared by Kathy Dees. Included on the table was the anniversary invitation, the original marriage license, an old 40's photo album and a large blown-up poster of the couple right after they were married.

After the reception, the couple was honored with a dinner at the LaFont Inn hosted by their children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gay Walker, daughter, presented a speech telling the couple's history.

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www.sunh want to kill the wild horses," said Dees. The Bureau of Land Management started a program to have families across the U.S. adopt wild horses and Dees responded.

Mustangs descended from Spanish horses and are considered wild or stray horses of the North American plains. "They are wild, but they are not vicious," said Dees, who called them up to the gate on his seven-acre pasture on Mougiers Creek to enjoy a bucket of feed. "You don't touch and you don't ride these mustangs. But a younger man could break them and make anything of them you want to," said Dees. "They'd make good roping horses, cutting horses, barrel horses or good for any kind of horse event."

Dees has talked with the Extension Service about his mustangs becoming part of its 4-H Horse Program. County Agent Walter Walker says this can be accomplished because the local 4-H has done it before with Arabians.

"If I live, I'll make it out west," said Dees. "I just don't know when. I hope it will be snowing. I've never been in any snow in my life, and I want to get snow-bound. I've ordered a new Tahoe and I'm trading in my pickup."

Dees still is worried because flooding by Mougiers and Bluff Creeks pose threats in the area after heavy rains. His practically new home is built up 21 feet, but the pasture is in a creek bottom. "I have had water all the way around my house three times this year and I had to swim my horses out to high ground in my front yard."

Born July 17, 1927, Dees is still going strong. He drives an 18-wheeler for Mallette Brothers Construction Co. "because not too many truckers have the required special license to haul anything that weighs over 100,000 pounds," said Dees. "I can drive anything from a Greyhound bus to a pickup truck."

He did just that moving heavy equipment for the construction of the new Pascagoula River Bridge.

Dees started driving almost 60 years ago for his dad, who once had the only mercantile store in Vancleave and ran a big turpentine operation. For years, C.L. Dees General Merchandise (1926-76) was Vancleave, including the post office. In the Great Depression, the elder Dees bought all the property, 23,000 acres, and owned all of

Vancleave, according to his son. "He was a great businessman."

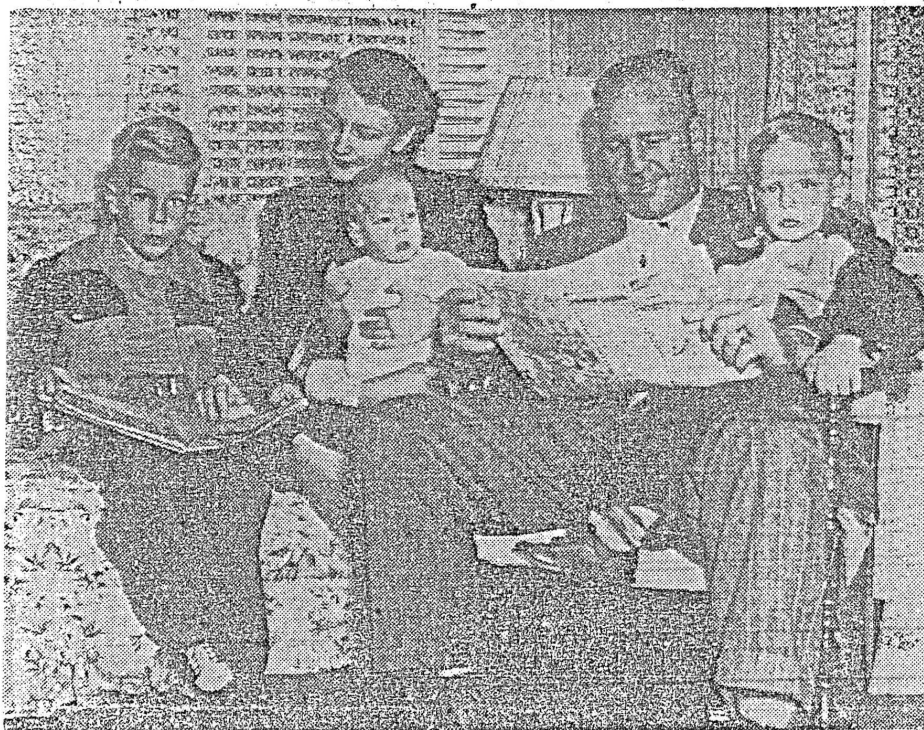
Kipp Dees, who doesn't know where his nickname came from, has three daughters and four sons, 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. "Us Dees are prolific," he said. It not only runs in the family. Dees' newly purchased \$125 stud bred his \$195 mare the second day she

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MOBILE, ALABAMA
SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 1949

MOBILE COUNTY NATIVE MAKES GOOD

Wilbur Dees Soon To Become Mayor Of Pascagoula



... Press Register Staff Photo
THERE'S NEVER A DULL MOMENT in the home of Wilbur G. Dees, who at the age of 32, will shortly become mayor of Pascagoula. The three young sons, pictured above, keep things buzzing around the place. The mayor-to-be is shown reading his paper and completely surrounded by members of his family. They are, left to right, Wilbur, Jr., 6; Mrs. Dees; Jesse, 9 months old; Mr. Dees and Gene, 2½ years old.

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Photo by Watson
WILBUR G. DEES, SECOND FROM LEFT ABOVE, IS SWORN INTO OFFICE AS MAYOR of Pascagoula in a brief ceremony Tuesday in City Hall. Administering the oath is Vertis Ramsey, right, circuit court clerk. Witnessing are city commissioners V. P. DeJean, left, and H. C. Ezell.



... Press Register, Staff Photo
BIRD HUNTING is a principal hobby of Wilbur Dees, who will
become mayor of Pascagoula. He is shown with one of his bird dogs.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007

FACES OF THE COAST



William Colgin/The Mississippi Press

Jennifer Dees

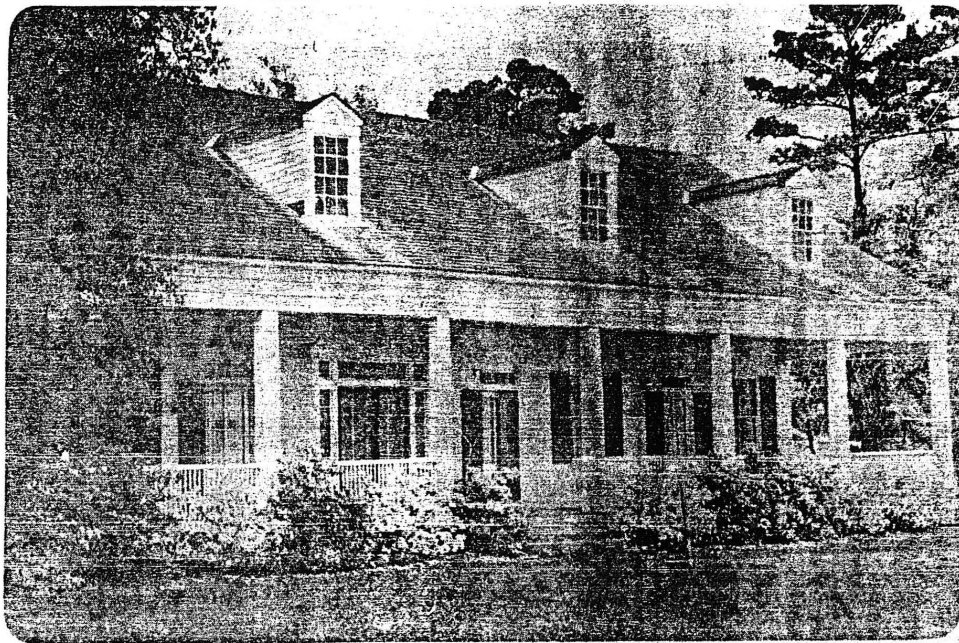
Jennifer Dees is a lifelong animal lover. She works as a caretaker at the Jackson County Animal Shelter in Gautier where she spends her day feeding, walking, bathing and caring for the animals there. Jennifer says she's always been good with animals. "Ever since I was able to walk,

I've loved animals." Dees finds her job very rewarding. "It makes me happy knowing that I can help them." Dees is a Pascagoula native who currently lives in Wade with her pet poodle, Frisky. Jennifer plans on attending school and continuing in a career involving animal care.

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WS. cent-Star No. 22. Biloxi's hed here. is very costumed ass grow in town sh shines Two lorging ceived a ay from Texas. by his ns Mon- r streets a shirt- t for the y light. church by Rev. Mobile, nd Mrs. ill with covered made by rail l divine Sunday n Beau- connec- ent ser- ate Den- young Misses k. yterian ored an son last er two anning, ie, La. ie Gon- Mobile, several Prole- nt hav- orders t shoes.	once Carter, American; Miss Margaret King, Daisy; Miss Irene Griffin, Scranton; Miss Etta Norwood, Scranton; Miss Alice Walker, Scranton. D. D. COWAN, Co. Supt. Ed. Mr. C. B. Hamilton, of Grand Bay, Ala., was in the DEMOCRAT-STAR office Wednesday. He states that the truck farmers are in fine spirits in his section over the prospects for abundant crops. They will soon begin shipping north Irish potatoes and beans. They are already shipping strawberries. On Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Alfred A. Farragut, brother-in-law of the bride, Miss Laura Rolla, one of Scranton's most popular young school teachers, and Mr. Levi B. Freeland, of Grand Bay, Ala., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Father Ten Brink, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The happy couple left on the 10:58 p. m. L. & N. train for Birmingham. COMPUTING SCALES. Mr. M. A. Dees, whose business headquarters are in St. Louis, Mo., was here last week with a full-sized model of his computing scales, and from expressed opinion of our merchants, we are safe in saying that he has by far the most complete scale ever invented. As Mr. Dees has not yet secured his patents in foreign countries, he does not wish a printed description of his scale, because he says it would prevent patents from being obtained in some countries; but we are permitted to state some of the many answers that are automatically given. The computations are entirely automatic, and are the results of the same effort or action which manipulates the poas while weighing, requiring no other effort or even attention of the operator. The operator (grocery clerk,) simply weighs the goods, the scales doing the computations. These scales gives the values of any weight up to 235 pounds, and at any price from 1/4 of a cent up to 80 cents per pound. It also readily, and at once, gives the value of all articles sold by the bushel of 32, 48, 56 and 60 pounds to the bushel, and in any weight up to 400 pounds. Also gives the amount of a "fraction of a dollar's worth" where goods are sold at so many pounds to the dollar, or at so much per dozen or so much per hundred pounds. In fact, Mr. Dees claims to answer any and all questions that can be asked in a grocery store as to weight and values. He did not visit here seeking orders, as it will be two or three months before he has any for sale, but came to request all merchants to suggest any defects in his scale, or propose and come question in weights and values which his scale can't answer. BAPTISTS TAKE NOTICE. It is desired that there be a full attendance at 8 p. m. next Sunday. The Lord's Supper will be administered; clerk to be elected; and four messengers elected to attend the Gulf Coast association, which convenes with the Baptist church at Gulfport May 2nd. PROBABLE CONSOLIDATION OF SCRANTON AND PASCAGOULA. There is a move afoot for the consolidation of Scranton and Pascagoula. At a meeting of the Pascagoula Commercial Club held Wednesday night the matter was	A splendid work mule, medium size, for sale or exchange for a young horse, no ponies need apply. Address William, care DEMOCRAT-STAR. C. Nelson offers big bargains in Chinese matting, regular price 35 cents, sold at 22 1/2 cents by the roll. Also a large line of carpets, rugs and door mats. Branch store Delmas av. If you need a watch, clock, charm, ring, pin or have any repairing to be done call on F. C. Westphal, first class jeweler and watch maker. Trimmed and ready-to-wear hats at C. Nelson's. FREE TO ALL. Have your eyes tested FREE by Prof. John Post, with over forty years experience. He will be at the LINDINGER HOUSE until Saturday. Next week he will be at Mr. Flavius J. McKay's residence, Moss Point. New styles matting, rugs and Curtain poles (brass and wood) will be sold at rock bottom prices. W. D. HUGHES. Immense variety of dress goods and summer wear at C. Nelson's. Shoes on counter at C. Nelson's dry goods store-half price. Chinese Laundry. First class work guaranteed. Delmas avenue. Try B. D. Valverde for shoes and gents' furnishing goods cheaper than elsewhere. Ice cream freezers at cost. Beautiful millinery for spring and summer wear at C. Nelson's. The De Jean & Mitchell Company's mammoth store is the place to find a large and up-to-date assortment of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats and gents' furnishings. Received on Saturday last the nicest lot of Ladies' and Children's ready-to-wear hats that have been brought to Scranton. Also a lot of fancy chiffons, in gilt, undressed kid gloves in new spring shades at 90 cents per pair. MRS. E. B. BLACKWELL. Mrs. E. B. Blackwell will be absent Monday visiting her Gulfport millinery branch, returning Tuesday. Lost—A pair of gold spectacles on North Pascagoula street. Please return to Scranton State Bank. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will have a Handkerchief Bazaar on Wednesday, April 23d, at Mrs. J. G. Blackwell's residence. They will receive from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m. Every one cordially invited to call.	Orleans for treatment. Pascagoula is an ideal summer resort, where rest, recreation, pleasure and absolute happiness and health may be enjoyed. Capt. A. Soderstrom has given up his seafaring life and embarked in the saloon business in New Orleans. His son Adolph is his chief assistant. Don't forget the benefit entertainment on next Thursday night at Odd Fellows' Opera House for the completion of the river road. A good road is one of the greatest promoters of a state in the price of real estate. Mrs. K. L. Sedgwick, of Chicago, has returned to finish her winter trip with her friend Mrs. Ida M. Converse. She was much surprised to find how few Northern travelers know of this delightful place. Every other resort on the L. & N. from Mobile to New Orleans are perfectly familiar to all tourists. But this beautiful bay shore is virtually unknown. Let us advertise by placing literature in every available place. VANCLEAVE ITEMS. BY ALL OF THEM. We are having fine weather. He visited his best girl Sunday night. Boys, now is the time to take your best girls flower-hunting. Messrs. W. P. Flurry and J. D. Gray, two prominent business men of Brewton, were in Vancleave this week. Charcoal is selling at 13 cents, and the darky is gay. Mr. George Ruble has gone to Daisy, where he expects to reside. Rev. H. B. Vandamburg will preach at our church Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited. Capt. Sidney Anderson has returned from New Orleans. Miss Anna Sue Murphy is the guest of Mrs. R. N. Murphy. We are informed that on Monday L. N. Dantzer's engine, the "one spot," engineered by popular Tom Murphy, hauled 442 logs. Mr. G. W. Carter and son Tom left Monday for Red and Black creeks on a hunting trip. Messrs. Doc. and John Oxner spent Sunday at home. Miss Susie Rouse, after a prolonged stay at Vancleave, left for her home at Fort Bayou this week. Miss Nora and Walter Martin returned home Tuesday evening. Misses Florence and Ethna Ramsay visited friends at Vancleave Wednesday. Mr. Jas. Ellis, a former resident, has returned. Dr. S. R. Ratliff is expected home soon to the delight of his many friends. Mr. S. I. Martin made a business trip "in the sticks" recently. Mr. J. Nielson, of Biloxi, was a recent visitor. We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Barnes at Mt. Pleasant. Miss Bennie Roberts has returned after a pleasant stay at Brewton. Mrs. W. H. Westfall has the prettiest flower garden in Vancleave.	Miss E. L. the charming Boyd. Mr. Wm. chant of V caller Wedne An enjoya the young m Tuesday nigh The Wester has establish Lundy's store Mr. Enoch veyor, paid Scranton Tue Mrs. Deriel been a guest the north Mo Mrs. J. E. move into to from the ope by Dr. H. B. After a p Shanahan M have returned Mrs. C. W. Shields, and Tuesday at t The "Kid" be expected t of fetching it Miss Godfr guests at th spent a few d week. Mr. Louis have the W service in Dr 8 to 10 a m. Shabathian. St. Louis; G R. V. Mayes, ter, A. M. D Mrs. G. W. Sycamore, Il son, of Chi Ocean Spring Lyndhurst Mrs. T. B. L daughter, J Jessie Carter Mr. N. L. Mich. whp Scranton T was the gue family. There hav ties these d light nights, and tallyho ly enjoyed b Miss Mary the beautifu county supe arrived hom son, which t grandparent W. Grayson. Col. J. B. King, is exp while at Elk
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Built in 1845 by Alfred E. Lewis, the magnificent Old Fields got its name from its second owner, William Grinstead, who purchased the home in 1850 because of the large pecan orchards located on property. Now located in the midst of a modern subdivision, Old Fields still houses the meticulous woodwork, which was carved by an old Negro slave from trees taken from the home's proper. The gracious home is located on the waterfront Gaudier, in the middle of Sea Cliff Manor Subdivision.

From an old Indian trade route

Saw mills, timber built Moss Point

Jackson County Bureau

The official designation of Moss Point by its present name did not come into use until 1867 with the establishment of the city's first post office.

Prior to that time, the small town had developed from a point on an old Indian trade route to the site of busy saw mills and lumber shipping.

Around 1718 what is now Moss Point and Escatawpa to the north as part of a large land

grant to Madame la duchess de Chaumont, a favorite in Louis XIV's court.

Following the British conquest of this Coast from France in 1763 and a deal made between Britain and Spain in 1781, Madame de Chaumont's estate was divided and granted to others.

Historic records show that Simon Cumbest received a Spanish land grant around 1802 of the area which is now Moss Point and Escatawpa, but this was not formally recognized by the United States after the Louisiana Purchase and it was parcelled or homesteaded in later years.

Before being named Moss Point, the area

was referred to by early loggers, log-raft riders, and river boat operators, as "Mossey Point" or "Mossey Point," but it was known as East Pascagoula.

This year of 1867 when Moss Point became a separate community also marked the return of the sawmill business; this activity had been quiet during the Civil War years began again and steamboats were frequent in the river.

Early settlers to the area, coming from North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia by way of Greene County brought the sawmills to Moss Point in the mid-1850's. This business was operated by slave labor and lumber was transported to Europe,

Mexico, South America and Cuba in shallow draft schooners in these early days.

According to a history written by F.W. (Bob) Cirlot, the sawmills developed into the major industry of the river community, and by 1900 there were 12 or more operating and all but three were in Moss Point in a radius of less than one mile.

"Each mill had a whistle operated by steam with a distinct sound to identify it. From before daylight these whistles began to blow at intervals; so each could be heard to get the workers up to work by daylight, then at noon and night and every stop during the day was signaled by a whistle. Such a medley of whistles few towns if any other can boast," the writing stated. By 1893 the mills were

producing over 120 million feet of virgin yellow long leaf pine annually, with most of it shipped to foreign ports. "Moss Point was better known in foreign countries for many years than in the United States," Cirlot's history stated. Moss Point became the largest lumber export center of that time.

According to Cirlot's book, the largest sawmill operations were owned by William Grif-

fin and Company, 1849-1853; J.M. Dantzler Lumber Company, 1873-1946; W. Denny Company, 1853-1906.

Denny also constructed what is now known as the Mississippi Export Railroad, which connects Pascagoula to Agricola and Vinegar Bend, Ala., in order to transport the timber.

A new industry came into being in this area in 1911 when pine slabs

were shipped to Sweden to be processed for pulpwood, then shipped back to the United States for papermaking. The next year J. Lewis Dantzler of Moss Point and Sir Arthur Shirley Benn of London, England joined in establishing the first paper mill, making paper from southern pine pulp at Moss Point. This area was annexed by the city in 1917.

Paper made in the mill called Kreote Kraft paper, was responsible for naming of the community today called Kreole, which grew up between Moss Point and the paper mill, Cirlot explained.

This first papermill, owned by Southern Paper Company, was purchased later by International Paper Company, which operates the mill today.



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Crawford Dees



Who is now serving with the Navy, and is at present taking his "boot" training at Bainbridge, Md.

He is a graduate from the Pascagoula High school where he was active in athletics. Dees also received a diploma from Perkinston Junior college. For the last three years he has been a very efficient employee at Ingalls, in connection with the Engineers' Planning department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dees, of Pascagoula.

His wife, the former Miss Irone Brettel, also resides in Pascagoula. Dec. 17, 1943

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Personal
Mr. J. C. Ely, of the American
neighborhood, honored us with a
call last Monday. He reports the
farmers in good spirits and pre-
paring for the coming crops.

Dr. Seymour Bullock, Jr., intro-
duced our office with his presence
last Wednesday. The Doctor is a
social and clever gentleman, has
the reputation of being a good phy-
sician, and we commend him to the
good will of our citizens.

We were pleased to receive a
call Tuesday from Mr. J. J. Curtis,
the newly installed editor of the
Seashore Gazette. He says his
paper is on rising ground, which
we are glad to hear, and is well
pleased with the editorial harness.

Last Monday we had the pleasure
of meeting in our office Mr. R. A.
Vauclaire, the popular postmaster
and merchant of Ocean Springs.
"Our Van," as his friends are wont
to call him, looks well and hearty,
and will soon have his new hotel in
operation, which we feel assured
will be a favorite resort, for he will
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Justices of the Peace will send
all kinds of legal blanks for sale
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MARRIED.
ROMINE-FOARD-At the residence of
Mrs. M. C. Doer, Beranton, Miss., March 3,
1880, by Rev. R. M. Hall, Mr. Frank Romine
and Mrs. M. M. Foard.
We wish the happy couple a long life
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**Recent Wedding Of
Miss Winifred Dees
To Wannon Suthoff**

A recent wedding that is of more than passing interest to Moss Point, where the groom comes of one of the oldest families of the city, was that of Miss Winifred S. Dees to Wannon Suthoff.

The ceremony was performed at the Grove Hill Baptist church of Grove Hill, Ala., by Dr. Edward P. Finley, pastor of the church in the presence of the members of the immediate families.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Edward Dees of Grove Hill.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Suthoff of Moss Point, where he was reared and where he received his education in the schools of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Suthoff have recently arrived in Moss Point for residence and until they are able to locate a house will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Suthoff.

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DEES-BRETTEL

On Friday evening, January 17, at 7 o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dees, 414 School street, Pascagoula, was the setting for a very impressive wedding when Miss Camilla Irene Brettel became the bride of Crawford Dees with Rev. Leroy Green as celebrant.

The ceremony took place in a setting of flowers artistically arranged in wall vases.

An ensemble in a shade of blue in lovely contrast to her navy blue accessories and corsage of gardenias, was worn by the bride, while her sister, Mrs. Dewey Graham, acting as matron of honor, was gowned in green crepe with accessories of black. Her flowers were a corsage of pink carnations. Miss Beverly Taylor of Moss Point as maid of honor wore black wool with accessories to match. Her flowers were also pink carnations.

Mrs. Dees received her education at the Our Lady of Victories School. Mr. Dees is a graduate from the Pascagoula High School, where he

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MADDOX—DEES

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dees of Pascagoula announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Virgie Esther Dees, to Mr. Selma J. Maddox of New Holland, Georgia, which was quietly solemnized on Wednesday, August 3, in Gulfport by Mayor J. W. Milner.

Mrs. Maddox attended the Pascagoula High School where she has taken an active part in the athletic program of the school, having been a star basketball center. Mr. Maddox is a graduate of the Airline High School in the class of 1936, and is at present located in Pascagoula where he is connected with the United States Coast Guard aboard the Legare. The young couple will make their home in Pascagoula.

Numerous friends throughout this section wish Mr. and Mrs. Maddox much happiness.

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DEES-REED

Starkville, Miss., August 19—(Sunday afternoon, August 10, 2:30 o'clock, Miss Dora Virginia Reed was united in marriage to Mr. Wilbur Grey Dees of Pascagoula and State College, Miss., in a beautifully simple ceremony performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin Reed on Washington Street.

Dr. J. D. Ray, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated at the rites, said before relatives and close friends of the couple.

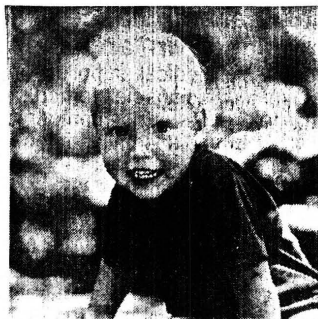
Preceding the ceremony, Miss Bessie Ralston Cox of Columbus played "Liebestraum" by Liszt and "Prelude in A Major" by Chopin. She also accompanied Miss Kathleen Stanley who sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

Ralph Katz lighted the candles which flanked the improvised altar of banked fern and gladioli.

Bridesmaids were Miss Alice Crawford and Miss Frances Reed, wearing blue and rose crepe models and shoulder corsages of gladioli. Miss Crawford Dees of Pascagoula, brother to the groom, served as best man.

The bride was lovely in a soft tailored beige costume with blue accessories. She wore a corsage

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BENJAMIN JOEL (BENJI)

Son of Robert & Lesa Dees of Escatawpa will be 3 years old on July 16, 1990. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Randall, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Jones & Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Trichell, all of Escatawpa.



BENJI DEES

Son of Robert and Lesa Dees of Escatawpa will be 4 years old July 16, 1991. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Randall, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Trichell; Mr. Preston Dees; all of Escatawpa. Great Grandparent is Bessie Randall of Pascagoula.

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Rev. T. W. Adams will preach next
Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock in the
Methodist church on the scriptural
mode of baptism. Everybody cordially
invited to attend.

Mr. E. T. Rogers, merchant, leaves this
week for New York and other north-
ern points for two months' recreation.

Mr. F. G. Spann will assist Mr. Bragg
Spann in the store during Mr. Rogers
absence.

The following vessels are loading
this week at the L. N. Dantzler Lum-
ber Co's mills: Catha Minerva with
50,000 feet of lumber for Key West and
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for the same port.

The Fire Kindler factory of M. A.
Dees & Sons was burned again Tues-
day morning. A defective kettle was
the cause. The Dees firm is hard to
down. The house is being rebuilt
and the work of putting up the Kind-
ler will go on. Loss this time \$175.

Program for meeting of Juvenile
Missionary Society, August 12, 1894:
Reading..... Marion Evans
Music.....
Recitation..... Carlotta Stewart
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Recitation..... Miss Wootie Yates
Music.....
Reading..... Miss Henry Dantzler

The Question of Fishermen Cleaning Fish.

Editor Democrat-Star:

Mr. Dodson last week in reply to a
suggestion by Mr. Dees in regard to
fishermen cleaning fish before offering
them to purchasers, treats the sugges-
tion lightly and says that fishermen
have not been in the habit of doing
this. That is true, but is there any
reason why we should not progress in
this direction as in others? Fish
caught say at midnight in this hot
weather and cooked next morning say
at 7 o'clock, are not what fish ought to
be, while they may not be actually
spoiled. A person who has never eaten
any other kind can have no conception
of what a nice fresh fish is. Cleaning
when first caught would remedy this
in a great measure. Of course the
fishermen would have to charge a

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On Thursday evening of last week
the garden party given for the benefit
of the four orphan O'Brien children
at the residence of Mrs. C. Flanagan
proved a most enjoyable and success-
ful affair. The refreshments tables
were presided over by the following
ladies: Mrs. J. Flanagan, Misses T.
Coggins and A. F. Paul, lemonade ta-
ble: Mrs. P. J. Blanchard, Misses K.
Walker and D. Bowman, ice cream
table: Mrs. G. Ostrom, Mrs. J. L.
Coggins and Miss E. Bowman, gumbo
table. The good sisters of the order
of Perpetual Adoration, who are the
guardians of the children, express
their gratitude to Mrs. C. Flanagan,
the Scranton Brass Band and the
ladies for their valuable services in
contributing to the success of the
party.

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Mrs. Dees was an earnest church worker and closely associated with fraternal organizations, having been a charter member and former worthy matron of the Adah Chapter 49 of O. E. S. of Ocean Springs.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. D. T. Ridgeway of the Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. R. H. Campbell, Baptist minister, both of Perkinston, and Rev. James Selis, Methodist minister of Hattiesburg. Interment was in the Perkinston cemetery. Services were also conducted by the Wiggins Chapter of the Eastern Star.

A large concourse of friends attended the funeral and the large and exquisite floral offerings evidenced the esteem and love and admiration of beauty and character in which Mrs. Dees was held.

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**MAIN STREET AFLUTTER
AS RICE FLIES OVER
NEWLY-WEDDED COUPLE**

**Bride Selects Wedding Outfit from
Local Store While Groom Goes
for License.**

Cupid trod forth in the full sunlight Thursday afternoon, flicked his little arrows down Moss Point's Main street and stood by smiling while Justice of the Peace R. G. Borden repaired the damages in Jim Howell's store.

Victims of Cupid's darts were Paul Roberts, 19, of Hurley, and Miss Eunice Dees, 20, of Cedar Lake. They were married in the rear of Howell's store, while Mr. Howell and his assistant, Miss Mabel Raby, and a store full of self-invited guests, looked on. Justice Borden, Mr. Howell and Miss Raby were the most excited of all. The bride stood complacently and plighted her troth, while Moss Point merchants and clerks waited to shower her and her new husband with rice.

It was a run-away wedding, so they say. Paul, who is the son of Huey Roberts of Hurley, went by his girl's house Thursday morning, and brought her to town. Lamar Baria, a neighbor, came with them. At Moss Point there was the question of a marriage license and wedding clothes, so Jim Howell and Miss Raby helped the bride select a dress, shoes and other accessories, while her stalwart sweetheart hurried to Pascagoula to obtain a license. During his absence, the bride visited a barber shop and got a hair trim.

Word had gotten out, and guests began to arrive. They helped with the simple arrangements and congratulated the couple, who returned to Hurley with Mr. Baria.

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DEAS, A. K.	On List, East Pascagoula Post Office	1892
DEAS, A. L.	On List, East Pascagoula Post Office	1892
DEAS, ANNA B.	<i>Death Records of Jackson Co, MS</i> Born 13 Dec 1851, died 10 May 1930 in Pascagoula. Infor: Mrs. W. A. Cox. Catholic, single. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Father: Emanuel Deas, born in Spain. Mother: Zoe Krebs, b. Pascagoula.	
DEAS, EMANUEL	See <i>Death Record</i> of daughter, Anna B. Deas.	
DEAS, H. G.	On List, East Pascagoula Post Office	1892
DEAS, H. G. & Bro.	On List, East Pascagoula Post Office	1892
DEAS, MARY	<i>Death Records of Jackson Co, MS</i> Born 1815, died 20 Dec 1915. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery.	
DEAS, R. R.	On List, East Pascagoula Post Office	1892
DEAS, ZOE KREBS	See <i>Death Record</i> of daughter, Anna B. Deas.	
DEES, ARCHIE	Scranton School Attended Nov-Feb	8 WM 1887-88
DEES, CALVIN	Scranton School Attended Nov-Feb	10 WM 1887-88
DEES, M. C., Mrs.	<i>Democrat-Star, Business Locals</i> 15 Apr 1892 -Mrs. E. B. Blackwell has removed residence and store to the Mrs. M. C. Dees place on Pascagoula street, where she is prepared to serve her customers in Easter hats. Her expense being less, she can sell cheaper than ever. Trimmed hats 75 cents, up first quality.	
DEES, NEVA H.	<i>Death Records of Jackson Co, MS</i> Born 11 Apr 1892 in Alba, MI. Died 16 Sep 1934. Father: ASHIA SCHRAN, b. Canada. Mother: CLARA BUNKIE, b. MI.	

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Cemeteries of Jackson County, Mississippi

Davis, Estelle *Sinback*, Dec 19, 1897 - Jan 18, 1964
McMillan, Tinga Ann, died Sep 12, 1950
Age 1 month, 28 days, dau of Ann Davis McMillan
McMillan,
Emerson, Virginia A. *Davis*, Nov 9, 1886-Jun 14, 1967
2nd Wife of Rollie Emerson, Sr.
Davis, Alfred Thomas, Dec 21, 1849-Aug 12, 1907
Son of James Davis & Nancy Ferrill; m Alice Ely
Davis, Alice Ann *Ely*, Apr 5, 1850-Jan 6, 1933
Dau of John Chas & Margaret Goff Ely
Davis, James Edwin, Nov 1, 1873-Oct 23, 1903
Son of Alfred & Alice Ely Davis
Davis, Pearl *Crippen*, Aug 22, 1883-Mar 29, 1910
Wife of James Edwin Davis
Emerson, Nancy E., Sep 30, 1878-Jan 10, 1903
1st wife of Rollie Emerson, Sr.
Emerson, Baby, Nov 21, 1907-Dec 7, 1907
Son of Rollie & Jennie Emerson
Davis, John Marvin, Sep 26, 1887 - Dec 11, 1947
Son of Alfred & Alice Ely Davis
Stevens, Olive *Davis*, Mar 9, 1876 - May 19, 1916
Stevens, Edgar, Dec 28, 1901-May 8, 1910
Son of Robert & Olive Davis Stevens

Dees Cemetery

The Dees Cemetery is located in the NW 1/4 of Section 30, T6S R4W, off Franklin Creek Road, southwest of Whitehead's Lime Storage Area, Jackson County, Mississippi. The Dees Cemetery was established in 1853 by Calvin E. Dees for the burial of his son Phillip John Dees, who died November 11, 1853. The cemetery in 50' by 60'.

Tombstone inscriptions were recorded by John A. Martiniere and Clifton M. Dees, October 15, 1986 and

The Delancey Family Cemetery is located in extreme western Jackson County in the SE/4, SW/4, NW/4 of Section 34, T6S-R9W, approximately 3.6 miles NNE of D'Iberville, Mississippi. The earliest burial in the cemetery is that of Susan Delancey (1835-1884).

A deed recorded June 29, 1905, book 29, page 63 of Jackson Co, Miss sets aside 1/4 of an acre, known as the

updated Clifton M. Dees and Harry H. McDonald, Sr., December 6, 1995. On September 14, 1996, the Scouts from Troop 220 restored this cemetery to the best of their ability. Most of the markers are broken and several are missing.

MAP

Looking West, reading right to left.

Row 1

Stevens, James M., Nov 18, 1839-Apr 17, 1862

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Dees, Calvin E., Oct 31, 1819 - May 22, 1867

Dees, Phillip John, Jan 25, 1852-Nov 11, 1853

Son of Calvin E. & Mary Charlotte Tippin Dees

Easterling, Adoniram Judson, *died in infancy,*

Son of Elizabeth A. Dees & Wm L. Easterling

Dees, John P., Feb 4, 1839-Nov 18, 1869

Son of Mark & Jane Pippins Dees

Dees, Jane Pippins, May 18, 1804-Sep 20, 1870

Wife of Mark A. Dees

Row 2

Dees, Mary Fort, died Jan 24, 1926, age 83

Wife of John P. Dees

Dees, Medora Marietta, Oct 2, 1860-Dec 29, 1864

Dau of Calvin E. & Mary Charlotte Tippin Dees

Fort, Earl Dees, Apr 4, 1870 - Apr 19, 1870

Carr, Betty Ernestine, May 3, 1870 - Oct 9, 1870

Carr, Elizabeth *Dees Easterling*, *Wife of Benjamin Carr*

Sep 22, 1838-Oct 25, 1875

Foard, Henry P., 1834 - Oct 7, 1874

Foard, Infant *son of Henry P. & Nancy Dees Foard*

Dees, Archibald S., Jan 6, 1844 - Jun 2, 1886

Dees, Mary Charlotte *Tippin*, Nov 8, 1821-Mar 5, 1889

Romaine, Nannie *Dees*, 1841-Aug 15, 1905

Unmarked, dates from obituary

Delancey Family Cemetery

DeLancey Grave Yard to be used for a cemetery and burial purposes. Tombstone inscription and location provided by Ray L. Bellande, January 22, 1990.

MAP

Area deaths

DEES

Carlie E. Dees, 77, Plantation Road, Vancleave, died Friday, March 16, at Gulfport Memorial Hospital. Mr. Dees was a retired, self-employed auto mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Vallene Dees of Vancleave; two sons, Allen Dees and Roger Dees, both of Vancleave; a sister, Marie Knowles of Lucedale; three grandchildren, Patrick, Ary and Rachael Dees, all of Vancleave.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Fails Funeral Home in Lucedale.

Graveside funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Vancleave Cemetery on Johns Bayou Road with the Rev. Charles Bigot officiating.

Fails Funeral Home, Lucedale, in charge on arrangements.

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**HOUSTON L. DEES
DIES IN PERKINSTON**

Houston Longino Dees, 30 years old, died on July 5, at Perkinston following a 90 minutes' illness. He was employed by the Mississippi Forestry Service at Camp P-63 near Biloxi and had come to Perkinston to spend the Fourth with his parents and wife. He was born in Ocean Springs but had been a resident of Perkinston for more than 20 years.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dees; his wife, Mrs. Urline Alston Dees, and three brothers, C. E. Dees, Jr., of Vancleave and John and William J. Dees, both of Perkinston. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Perkinston with the Rev. C. H. Straight of the Methodist church and the Rev. J. N. Lee and the Rev. Richard Campbell of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery.

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Mrs. Martha Dees; two daughters,
Mrs. Cussie Gertrude Bryant and
Mrs. Maltie Marie Wilson; four
sons, Onie, Charles, Carlisle and
Barney Dees; and 11 grandchildren,
all of Escatawpa.

**J. W. Dees Passes
Away At Home After
Lengthy Illness**

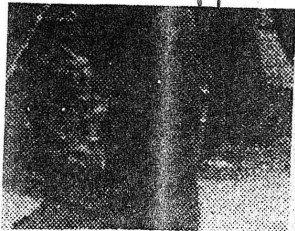
Joseph Wesley Dees, 69 years
old, died at his home in Escatawpa
early Thursday morning
after a long illness. Funeral
services were conducted Thursday
at 3 p. m. at Fails Funeral home
in Moss Point by the Rev. David
M. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist
church of Escatawpa and in-
terment was in Four Mile Creek
cemetery.

He is survived by his widow.

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Mississippi Press

Wed, Aug. 11, 1971



and possible internal injuries, when she applied the brakes,

Betty Dees dies at 41

P Wirephoto)

Miss Betty Jane Dees, Gulf Coast television personality, died Tuesday at Kings Daughters Hospital in Yazoo City after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held Friday in Vancleave.

A native and life-long resident of Jackson County Miss Dees, 41, originated a daily variety show on television station WLOX in Biloxi in 1962 and later had a program on WLOX radio.

MISS DEES was a graduate of Whitworth High School in Brookhaven and attended Whitworth College, University of Mississippi and the University of Missouri.

She served as first president of the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Chapter, National Association of Junior Auxiliaries and was a member of Les Masques and Billikins Carnival Krewe of Biloxi. In 1967 Miss Dees was queen of the Billikins Ball.

In 1965 she was honored by the Lighthouse Business and Professional Women of Biloxi

as their Outstanding Woman of Achievement.

She was a member of American Women in Radio and TV; listed in Who's Who in Communications in America and was cited by the publications as one of the foremost women in communication in 1969-70. Miss Dees was named an honorary Colonel in the Alabama Air National Guard in 1969. She traveled extensively in Europe and Latin America.

MISS DEES IS survived by her mother, Mrs. Clifton L. Dees, now of Bay Springs; a twin sister, Mrs. Porter Plunk of Mississippi City; and two other sisters, Mrs. Sam Hinton, Bay Springs, Miss. and Mrs. W. T. Ramsay of Yazoo City; one brother, Clifton M. Dees of Vancleave.

Friends may call at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi after 6 p.m. Thursday. The body will be taken to the Vancleave United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Friday to lie in state until funeral services at 4 p.m.

SON OF MR. AND MRS. R. V. Rill Sr., were both 1970 graduates of George County School. Their bodies are at Grove Funeral Home in Vancleave where arrangements are pending.

McMahon's body was referred to Quigley-Moore Funeral Home in Hattiesburg. She is survived by a wife and six children.

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six Protestant counties were separated from the rest of Ireland, which is Roman Catholic, half a century ago.

Gunmen believed to be from the IRA fired on troops and police. Mobs of Protestants and Catholics battled each other. Rival factions of the IRA clashed. And troops and police fought all of them in attempts to restore order.

The soldiers sealed off the Falls Road, Ballymurphy, Ardoyne and Ola Park Road areas of Belfast as those Catholics

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lay costs.

The study showed the counties spent \$38,140,266 to buy equipment, \$21,441,398 to repair it in private shops, and \$9,758,285 to repair it in county shops.

With each beat buying and repairing its own equipment, the report said, "there is little if any preventive maintenance being accomplished..." The

Deaths

MISS BETTY JANE DEES, 41, Vancleave. Funeral service, 4 p.m. Friday, Vancleave United Methodist Church. Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Biloxi.

CLEMENT LEROY, 71, 1504 Kenneth St., Pascagoula. Funeral service, 10 a.m. Saturday, St. Peter's Catholic Church. Gulf Funeral Home.

MILLARD TURNIPSEED, 58, 205 Pearl St., Moss Point. Services, 2 p.m. Friday, Gulf Funeral Home chapel.

90-degree heat lingers on coast

The plus-90 degree weather will remain on the Golden Gulf Coast, but there is still a chance of thundershowers today and Thursday, mainly in the afternoon.

Little temperature change is forecast with highs today and Thursday 88 to 94 and lows tonight 70 to 76.

The extremes recorded Tuesday at the local Coast Guard station were 90-82.

Variable winds are forecast 5 to 10 miles per hour, mostly southwesterly.

Gibson pleads guilty

Jessie Gibson, 17, of Pascagoula, pleaded guilty in court Tuesday to two counts of selling drugs.

Judge Darwin M. Maples deferred sentencing until next week. He told Gibson, "the probability I will sentence you to the penitentiary."

Gibson did not change her plea, for which he was sentenced by Judge Maples. Admitting guilt is the first step in rehabilitation," he said.

Gibson is charged with selling two tablets of LSD and selling two ounces of marijuana for \$5 on March 2. The drugs were sold to undercover agent Terry L. Bulloch.

In another drug case, J. Telarico was referred to a new trial in an overruling by Judge Merle F. Palmer. Telarico's attorneys are appealing the case to the Supreme Court.

Telarico has been ordered to serve two years in the penitentiary for possession of LSD. Judge Palmer said Tuesday that he would be the first offender's case to be heard by the court.

Palmer said he wanted Telarico away from society to have information that he "hooked," Palmer said. "He needs to get drugs out of his system, and come back a useful citizen."



MISS BETTY DEES

Funeral Services Set For Friday For Betty Dees

Miss Betty Jane Dees, 41, well-known Gulf Coast television personality, died Tuesday afternoon at King's Daughter Hospital in Yazoo City after an extended illness. She was formerly hostess of Just Coasting, a daily variety show originating in 1962 on WLOX-TV.

The funeral is set for 4 p.m. Friday from the Vancleave United Methodist Church with interment in the Vancleave Cemetery. Friends may call at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi after 6 p.m. Thursday.

The body will be removed to the Vancleave Church at 2 p.m. Friday.

The family requests memorials be sent to the building fund of the Vancleave United Methodist Church or to a preferred charity, in lieu of floral offerings.

Miss Dees, daughter of Mrs. C. L. Dees and the late Mr. Dees of Vancleave, was born May 29, 1930, and lived most of her life on the Coast. She had traveled extensively in Europe and Latin America. Prior to her illness, she and her mother resided at a West Beach Apartment in Biloxi.

Miss Dees was educated at Whitworth College, the University of Missouri and University of Mississippi, where she majored in social work.

She was a member of American Women in Radio and Television and listed in Who's Who in Communications in America. She was cited by the publication as one of the foremost women in communications in 1969-70.

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Miss Dees originated a program on WLOX Radio, Dees 'N Does Report, which she retired from hosting, along with her television show about a year ago.

She served as the first president of the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Junior Auxiliary and held memberships in Les Masquees and Billikins carnival krewes. In 1967, she was queen of the Billikins ball.

Miss Dees was honored by the Lighthouse Business and Professional Women's Club of Biloxi as the outstanding women of achievement in 1965. She was an honorary colonel in the Alabama Air National Guard.

She served on the President's Council on mental health and was featured with her identical twin as one of the Toni twins in a national advertising campaign in 1949. Together they were selected as favorites at the University of Missouri.

Besides her mother, who now resides in Bay Springs, Miss., she is survived by one brother, Clifton M. Dees of Vancleave; and three sisters, Mrs. Porter Plunk of Mississippi City (her twin), Mrs. Sam Hinton of Bay Springs, and Mrs. Wyeth T. Ramsay of Yazoo City.

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MARTHA E. DEES, 100, Escatawpa Community, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 1981 at Singing River Hospital. Born Sept. 5, 1881 in Mobile County, Ala. Mrs. Dees made her home in Jackson County for 55 years, living in the Escatawpa Community. She was a member of Escatawpa Baptist Church, and the widow of Joseph Wesley Dees.

She is survived by one son, Carlie Dees of Vanderve, one daughter, Mrs. Marie Knowles of Pascagoula, 20 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, and 22 great, great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6-9 tonight, Oct. 19, 1981, at Holder-Wells Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1981, at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Charles Davis officiating.

Interment will be at Four Mile Creek Cemetery.

Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point, in charge of arrangements.

Alumni loses friend

John Dees dies after lengthy illness

*"But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
All losses are restored and sorrows end."*

... William Shakespeare, 1564-1616

John Clifton Dees of Wiggins, a strong supporter of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the Alumni Association, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, after a long battle with complications following open heart surgery.

Dees, a 1931 alumnus of what is now Perkinston Campus, served two terms as District Alumni Association President, 1935-36 and 1941-42, and was a former member of the college board of trustees.

He was the 1983 inductee of the MGCCC Alumni Hall of Fame, and in 1981 received the Sam Owen Award in recognition of his continuous work on behalf of MGCCC to promote superior education in the college district.

Always interested in furthering the education of the youth in his community, Dees for many years annually contributed a full scholarship to the Alumni

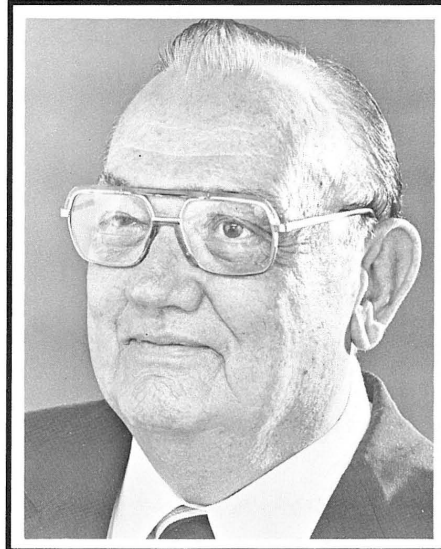
Association for a Stone County student to attend Perkinston Campus. Also, the Bank of Wiggins in 1983 established a scholarship in honor.

Dees was a key figure in raising funds to refurbish the Alumni House in that he personally raised in Stone County more than \$2,700 for the project. In addition, he and his wife Margaret Rose contributed to the Alumni House a silver punch bowl and tray.

From the time Dees returned to Stone County after attending Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science in Nashville, he attended every homecoming except for two. One year was when he was in service during World War II, and the other was this year when he was too ill to attend.

He was truly a concerned and hard working individual -- not only for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, but for his county, state, and country.

John Clifton Dees



And all of these will suffer from his passing.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Margaret Rose and his daughters Johnnette and Helen, both employees of the college. □

REUNION CLASS OF 1940.

Front row from left: Helen Bond Hauth, Dorothy Pigford Lawrence, Ernestine Yon Byrd, Ruthelia Lott Buchi ('40 homecoming queen). **Second row from left:** Mildred Rustin, Edith Collins Krock, Josie West Laird, Mildred Russum Tootle, Eleanor Woodruff Hamnerling, Zettie Bond Dedeaux, Hazel Ramsay White. **Third row from left:** Lucien W. Kidd, William B. Carlin, Wilfred Gollotte, Rabun Hawkins, Wyeth Ramsay, Ruby Ernest Johnston, James C. Byrd, Josephine Stegall Turrittin, Kathleen Colle Pickett, Albert Mangin Jr. **Fourth row from left:** Lissa Lawrence, Norval Denson, J.J. Hayden Jr., E.T. Adkison, Joseph Hartman.



10-15-91 Wilbur Dees dies

Wilbur G. Dees, who was chancery clerk in Jackson County from 1960 to 1980 died at home in the on the west Pascagoula River in Gautier this morning. He was 74.

A native Wilmer, Ala., Dees ended school in Pascagoula and was graduated at Mississippi State University where he was a star football player and a member of the 1941 bulldog football team which played the Orange Bowl. He and other members of the team were honored on the 50th anniversary of the game at this year's Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla.

Dees served in the U.S. Army as a combat officer in Europe from 1942 to 1946 and helped organize the first National Guard unit in Pascagoula upon

his return from the war.

He was elected mayor of Pascagoula in 1949 and served in that capacity until 1953.

Dees was a member of the First Methodist Church of Pascagoula, Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120, Odd Fellows, American Legion, VFW and past president of the Kiwanis Club. He also was a Mason and Shriner.

Dees is survived by his wife, Dora Virginia, who worked with him in the chancery clerk's office, and three sons, W.J. Dees Jr., Eugene Dees and Jesse F. Dees.

The body was taken to Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.



Wilbur Dees

Springs faces another hike in cable TV rates

By REGINA HINES

West Jackson County Bureau Chief

OCEAN SPRINGS — For the second consecutive year, aldermen here are preparing for another fight against a proposed raise in cable television rates.

United Artist Cable, which has had a 25-year franchise agreement with the city since 1985, sent letters to Mayor Kevin Alves and each alderman announcing a 2 to 5 percent increase effective March 1992.

City officials were satisfied that notice was given this time, since last year's raise went into effect without official word from the cable company. But they spoke out against higher costs.

While the city gives cable companies a franchise, they have no regulatory say in the handling of the businesses.

"We don't have any choice. They're going to put it on us," Ward 4 Alderman Phil Harvey said.

Aldermen will ask for a work session with UA Cable executives, similar to last year's. Ward 2 Alderman Mike Williams asked that the board be furnished with stockholders reports from the corporation. He reminded other aldermen that last year similar reports showed that 48 percent profits from the cable company were being used to support other entities of the corporation.

"These people are operating totally unregulated," he said.

Wilbur Dees remembered as friend, public servant

A Staff Report

Wilbur Dees, former Jackson County chancery clerk who died at his home in Gautier Tuesday, is remembered by the people who knew him as a friend, dedicated public servant and a good man.

Dees, 74, served five terms as chancery clerk of Jackson County and previously served one term as mayor of Pascagoula.

The Wilmer, Ala., native was an outstanding athlete at



Wilbur Dees

enabled him to attend Mississippi State University on a football scholarship. He was a member of the 1940 MSU Southeastern Conference championship football team which played in the 1941 Orange Bowl in Miami, Fla. Dees and other members of the team were honored at the 1991 Orange Bowl game on the 50th anniversary of their victory.

"Wilbur was the best friend I ever had," said former tax assessor James Reynolds, who worked with Dees for eight years at the courthouse and knew him for 40 years. "He was a buddy, a companion. He was there when you needed him. We hunted and

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fished together. We were friends politically. We tried to help each other."

Edward A. Khayat, who was president of the board of supervisors for many of the years Dees was chancery clerk said the board could "always depend on Wilbur for accurate board minutes."

"Wilbur Dees and I had many good years together as we served on the board of supervisors," Khayat said. "Wilbur was always loyal to each of us and from time to time in executive sessions, he would help us in making decision we felt were good for Jackson County. I will always remember Wilbur. We had many good days together from the time we both officiated junior high and high school football."

"Wilbur Dees was a good

chancery clerk. Ramsay, who was circuit clerk during the time Dees was in office. "He attended to county business and to his business and he kept his nose out of everyone else business. He ran a good courteous office and he knew what he was doing."

Mrs. Ramsay, who also worked in the courthouse, said she remembers Dees as "an outstanding high school athlete and that enabled him to attend college. He came from a real good family. His parents were outstanding...He was a good office holder."

Dees' football career at MSU coincided with two of the schools' greatest teams. The 1940 squad went 10-0-1 and the 1941 team posted an 8-1-1 record and won the school's lone SEC championship.

Only a 7-7 tie with Auburn in '40 allowed Tennessee to claim

tie. That squad was only the second MSU team to finish undefeated. The 1903 team had a 3-0-2 record.

The '41 team tied LSU 0-0 during the season and only powerhouse Duquesne prevented State from a second straight undefeated season by beating the Bulldogs 16-0. MSU defeated Georgetown 14-7 in the Orange Bowl after the season.

Dees was graduated from Pascagoula High in 1937 after starring in football, basketball and track. He was recruited by State, Ole Miss and LSU, but the Bulldogs sweetened the pot with a promise, Dees said during a 1984 interview with *The Mississippi Press* after his election to the M Club Sports Hall of Fame.

"They said they could get me a job in the summer," Dees said. "That was important because

anyone at the time. Dees was recruited as an end but was switched to quarterback in the single wing formation.

A highlight of Dees' career came in his sophomore season when the Bulldogs defeated LSU 15-12 to snap an eight-game losing streak. With a fourth-and-two at the LSU 16-yard line, Dees kicked a field goal to provide the winning points.

"That was really a thrill," Dees said. "My main chore in the single wing was to block and to receive a few passes." The Bulldogs finished 8-2 that season.

Dees is survived by his widow, Dora Virginia, who worked with him in the chancery clerk's office, and three sons. W.J. Dees Jr., Eugene Dees and Jesse F. Dees.

Funeral service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Gautier United Methodist Church.

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Wilbur G. Dees Sr., 74, 701 Homestead Boulevard, Gautier, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1991, at his home. He was born Oct. 11, 1917, in Wilmer, Ala., and had been a resident of Jackson County most of his life. Mr. Dees was the son of the late John Wesley Dees and Mary Louella Dykes Dees.

Mr. Dees graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1938,

and graduated Mississippi State University in 1942, where he was an outstanding football player and member of the MSU Sports Hall of Fame. He remained an ardent supporter of the MSU Athletic program. Mr. Dees served during World War II in the 137th Infantry Division as a Captain and received numerous decorations.

In 1949, he was elected Mayor of Pascagoula, and served until 1953. He was elected Chancery Clerk of Jackson County in 1960, where he served until his retirement in 1980. Mr. Dees was a member of the Gautier United Methodist Church and numerous paternal and civic organizations. He was preceded in death by a sister, Virgie Dees Maddox Belille; and a brother, Ernest Dees.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dora Virginia Reed Dees; son and daughter-in-law, Wilbur G. Dees Jr., and Barbara Ehrlich Dees, Gulfport; son, Eugene Reed Dees, Pascagoula; son and daughter-in-law, Jesse Franklin Dees and Mary Evelyn Dees, Jackson; granddaughters, Virginia Allyson Dees, Gulfport, and Meridith Elizabeth Dees, Jackson; mother-in-law, Ruth Bell, Starkville, Miss.; brothers, John W. Dees, Maplesville, Ala., Henry C. Dees, Gautier, and Crawford Dees, Pascagoula; sisters, Ida Dees Hudson and Iva Dees Trehern, both of Pascagoula; numerous nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

Visitation will be tonight, Oct. 16, from 6-9 p.m. at Holder-Wells Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be Thursday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. at Gautier United Methodist Church. Friends may call at the church after 9 a.m.

Interment will be in the Jackson County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the MSU Bulldog Club, Gautier United Methodist Church or your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

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HUDSON

Ida Virginia Dees Hudson, 90, of Pascagoula, Miss., departed this Earthly life on July 24, 1999, in Pascagoula, and went to live with her Heavenly Father and many relatives who made the journey before her.

Ida was born Jan. 10, 1909, in Wilmer, Ala., and had been a long-time resident of Pascagoula. She was preceded in death by her husband, James K. Vardaman Hudson Sr., her parents John Wesley Dees Sr. and Mar Luella Dykes; four brothers Earnest Dees, John W. Dees Jr., Henry C. Dees and Wilbur C. Dees; two sisters, Iva L. Deerehern and Virgie E. Deere Maddox; one grandson, Henry Wayne Hudson.

Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law and four children who wait to join her: Crawford and Irene Dees and Iva Hudson (Haskell) McKey, James K. Vardaman Hudson Jr., Charles Hiram Hudson and Henry West (Betty) Hudson, all of Pascagoula; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Visitation was Saturday, July 24, 1999, from 6-8 p.m. at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula.

Funeral service is Sunday, July 25, 1999, at 2 p.m. at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula with the Rev. Bill Horne officiating.

Interment will follow at Mapleah Cemetery in Pascagoula.

Pallbearers are Thomas V. Hudson, Garry Hudson, Chris Hudson, Leonard Trehern, Donnie Dees and Darrel Wash.

Funeral arrangements by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula.

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Are still in our hearts.
But his laughter and wonderful smile
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All, will help us to be better people,
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Martha,

Lois (Jimmy)

And Son Donny

Also by All Grandchildren,

And Great Grandchildren